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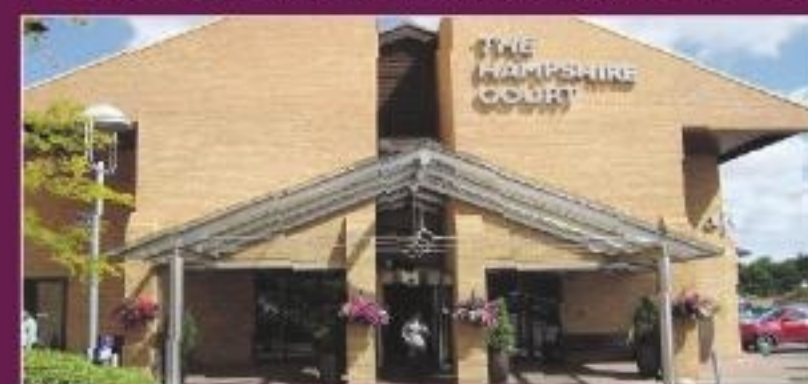
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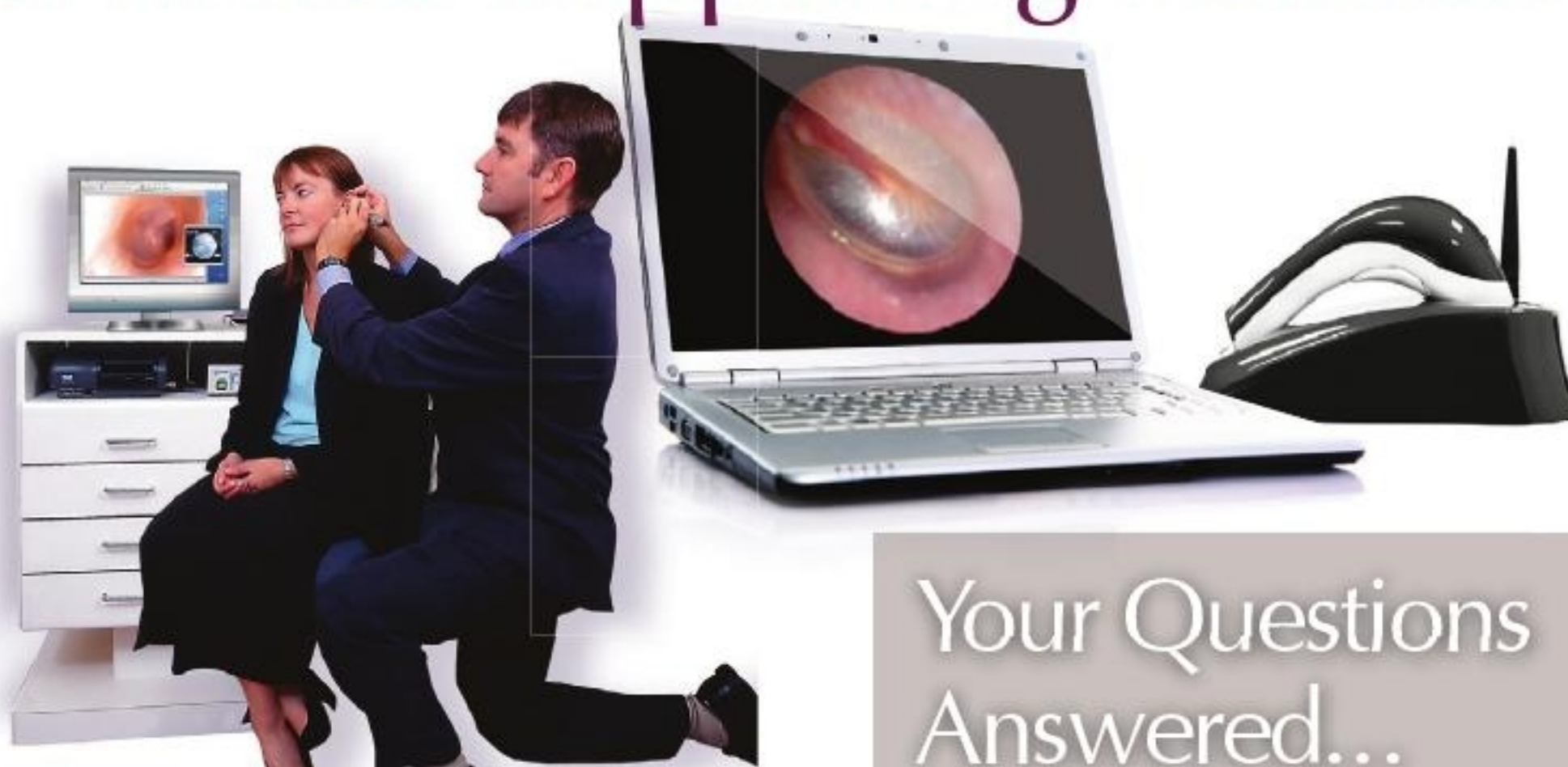
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Julie Murray



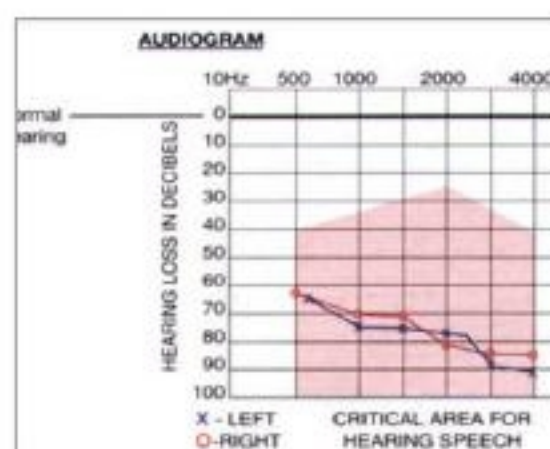
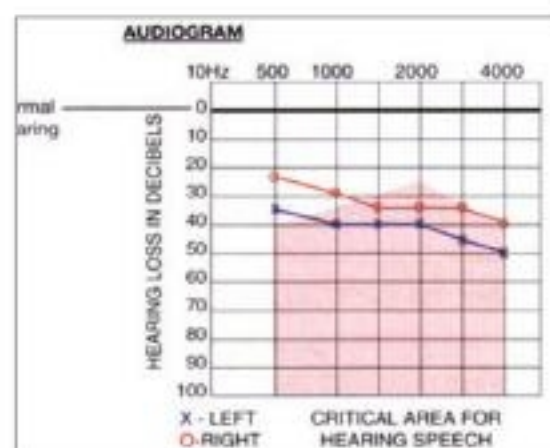
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AROUND 1,500 people Christmas carols at the evening event. The centre's Christmas lights were also switched on, with pantomime star Philip Meeks, who is playing Dame Trott in Jack and the Beanstalk next month, doing the honours alongside Daisy the Cow.

UKIP SLAM 'THE PPI OF THE WATER INDUSTRY'

HAMPSHIRE'S Ukip group has accused the major water companies operating across the county of "fraudulently extracting" money from residents.

Householders are currently being charged £23 a year on top of their regular water bill to pay to remove rainwater from their homes via surface water drains.

But with a high amount of private Hampshire houses currently using an in-built soak away system to solve the problem, residents could now be able to claim a rebate on the fee from water providers Thames and Southern Water.

Current regulations from water and sewage provider regulator Ofwat ensure that rebates cannot be backdated

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to earlier years, meaning customers can only claim a refund from the time water companies become aware of the issue.

But with some homeowners being wrongly charged £1.90 a month for use of the public sewer, Ukip Hampshire chairman Alan Stone has accused companies of "pulling the wool over people's eyes".

He said: "This is a huge amount of money private companies are fraudulently extracting from everyone."

"Ofwat and the government must start looking after the

interest of the public, rather than the interest of big business, and should pay refunds in full with interest.

"I know a lot of old people that aren't going to complain and dispute what the water companies tell them."

"These are big private companies, so they aren't going to think they are trying to pull the wool over people's eyes."

A Southern Water spokesperson said: "We recognise it is important to our customers that they know where their money goes."

"For every £1.20 our customers pay, we invest more than 70 per cent back into maintaining, building and improving our assets such as treatment works and pipes - helping to clean and treat

sewage and deliver clean safe drinking water."

The surface water drainage charge covers the cost of taking away and treating run-off water through sewers, with some water bypassing public drains through separate pipes into large underground pits filled with gravel within the property's foundations, known as a soak away.

Ukip Basingstoke branch chairman Stan Tennison added: "This issue has the potential to become the PPI of the water industry when inertial billing is used to automatically bill customers for the treatment of surface water when many properties use soak aways or Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems."

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Restorative justice projects given boost



• Hampshire police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes has approved over £400,000 in funding for restorative justice projects across the county

A TOTAL of £451,000 has been budgeted by Hampshire's police and crime commissioner (PCC) to spend on an innovative technique to help rehabilitate criminals across the county.

The funds will allow victims of crime to meet with their offenders face-to-face and help prevent them from re-offending through a process known as restorative justice.

As well as benefitting offenders, the approach to justice also focuses on the needs of those affected by their actions by encouraging offenders to take responsibility for their crimes.

And with similar voluntary restorative projects such as the Hampshire Community Court already producing positive results, PCC Simon Hayes hopes the additional funding will "give confidence to the public" of the approach's worth.

He said: "Through my restorative justice strategy, I hope to make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight restorative counties.

"Places where restorative practices are not only used within the criminal justice system, but also as part of conflict resolution in schools, organisations and the wider public arena.

"Listening to the needs of the victim, empowering them and giving them back control are at the heart of this strategy."

Traditional restorative justice conferences will initially only be offered for low risk crimes in a staggered roll-out between Jan-

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uary and April next year, with provisions for serious offences being developed further down the line.

Mr Hayes added: "Here in Hampshire, innovative restorative projects have already been recognised nationally as examples of good practice and innovation.

"I want to build on this good work and give confidence to the public that this approach improves the victim's experience and, I would hope, help to reduce re-offending, both of which play key roles in my vision for enabling social change in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight."

A commissioning process has selected providers Restorative Solutions and Safer North Hampshire to offer the scheme, with the latter covering the Basingstoke and Deane area.

Safer North Hampshire community safety manager Caroline Ryan said: "This is something we've been working toward for some time, so we recognise the value of this funding.

"Putting in this bid will allow us to build on the work we've already done in Hampshire, so we're absolutely delighted.

"It's lovely when local groups are chosen to fund projects that help the community, and we're ready for the challenge."

News Bites**ISIS contact**

HAMPSHIRE: Police have released advice to schools and parents after students from an unnamed Hampshire secondary school claimed to have been contacted by terrorist group ISIS via Facebook last week.

And while they pointed out that the male adults who allegedly made contact with the youngsters were "probably not ISIS members", Hampshire Constabulary has urged residents to be more cautious of possible internet dangers.

A police statement said: "Last week, information was received from students at a Hampshire secondary school that adult male supporters of ISIS had contacted a number of students via Facebook.

"Enquiries with the Hampshire students who initially reported this matter has since revealed that the male adults who made contact on Facebook are probably not ISIS members.

"However the advice to schools, parents and teachers to be aware of social media and internet dangers still stands."

Jewellery taken

UPTON GREY: Items of jewellery were stolen from a house in Upton Grey during a burglary last week.

The incident took place at some point between Midday last Tuesday and 6pm the following day.

Offenders entered the property via the rear patio doors before taking rings and necklaces.

Anyone with information should contact PC Colin Jackson at Basingstoke police station on 101, quoting reference number 44150401559.

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Criticism over 'fraudulent' water charges

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Mr Tennison added: "I believe that Ofwat are not looking after consumers and the public interest by allowing ever-increasing charges for water treatment that has not even been performed.

"We in Basingstoke request that Southern and Thames Water review their surface water

drainage records of customers and cancel all surface water treatment charges for customers using garden soak aways."

Residents can check whether they are being billed correctly by tracing how roof drainpipes and sink waste water pipes are connected and whether they are part of the same drain, with

some homes including a separate pipe around four metres away, meaning that a charge would be wrong.

A spokesman for Ofwat said: "We have made it clear to companies that customers should be offered a rebate if they are paying for a service they don't receive from them.

"Ofwat strongly recommends that customers check their bills and their drainage arrangements to make sure they are not paying any more than they need to."

He added: "Generally the onus is on the customer to flag up that they're not connected to the drainage system."

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Federation chairman defends police force

THE government has been accused of "showing nothing but contempt" to the public following a drop of over 14 per cent in the amount spent on visible frontline policing in Hampshire in the last year.

New statistics produced by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) have shown that Hampshire Constabulary will spend £8.4m less than counties of a similar demographic as part of its budget for 2015/16, in answer to further cuts.

The figures have also shown that £1.5m less will be spent on frontline support in the county's force than the combined average of comparable areas, such as the Thames Valley, Sussex and Essex.

A total of £11.4m less will also be spent on police staff, following a drop of officers from 3,247 to 3,064 since 2014, although Hampshire Police Federation chairman John Apter has refused to lay the blame at the door of the county ahead of £10m of further cuts in the next year.

He said: "I don't want to beat the force up too much because the police and crime commissioner and chief constable are having to slice up a financial cake that is getting smaller.

"They are doing their best to

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help the public, but the government are showing nothing but contempt to the people and I think that's shameful."

Hampshire's funding of visible frontline policing is vastly different to Sussex Police for example, with that service spending £10m more than similar forces.

But with figures also showing that Hampshire Constabulary is investing £7.1m more in non-visible frontline policing than the average, Mr Apter also questioned the validity of the HMIC findings.

"We have also given a lot of support to so-called other forms of policing that are equally critically important as frontline policing but are not classed as visible," he said.

"Anti-terrorism teams and officers that support child sexual exploitation must get the support they need as well - so this report doesn't really compare apples with apples.

"But I understand officers that are more visible can provide reassurance to the public where others can't, so it is dangerous that they are becoming fewer."



• Hampshire Police Federation chairman John Apter

Basingstoke plagued by 'unacceptable' graffiti

POLICE have launched an investigation after receiving four separate reports of offensive messages being sprayed on walls in Basingstoke last week.

The unpleasant graffiti was discovered at three different locations across the town - including two separate incidents at the Territorial Army building in Penrith Road on Friday and Saturday night.

Criminal damage was also found by residents at electrical retailer Maplin's store in Winchester Road and on a wall at All Saints Church in Southern Road late on Friday and Saturday respectively.

Hampshire Constabulary have since condemned the actions, while warning those who had caused the damage or were planning to write more "unacceptable" messages that the offence could lead to prison time.

PC Lee Stanbrook from Basingstoke police station said: "Incidents like these are unacceptable and can cause great offence to the communities concerned.

"Anyone who engages in such activity is committing a criminal offence which could lead to a custodial sentence.

"Such incidents are rare in Bas-

ingstoke and we will continue to work hard to make sure anyone living in, working in or visiting the borough feels safe."

Anyone with any information relating to the offences should contact PC Stanbrook on 101, quoting 44150404807.

Alternatively, residents can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.



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Driver sentenced

LYCHPIT: A van driver from Basingstoke and Deane who killed a cyclist after having a diabetic attack and losing control of his vehicle has been jailed for 44 months.

Fred Sygrove, 24, of Amp-ort Close in Lychpit, was sentenced at Reading Crown Court last Friday after pleading guilty to causing the death of 53-year-old David Badcock in Hambridge Road in Newbury on August 6 last year.

In addition to being punished for causing death by dangerous driving, Sygrove was also handed an eight-month sentence, to run concurrently with the first sentence, for giving false information when applying for his driving licence.

He has also been banned from driving for 10 years.

Meals on wheels

HAMPSHIRE: Residents are being urged to sign up to receive Christmas meals during the festive period by Hampshire County Council.

The authority's Meals on Wheels service is aimed at helping people aged 55 or over who struggle to prepare and cook their own food seven days a week.

Meals are delivered right to the door, with a two-course meal costing £3.80 and an afternoon tea service, which includes a savoury pastry, sandwich, piece of cake, some fruit and a juice drink, available for £3.50.

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'Step forward' made in plans for devolution

PLANS to create a combined authority for Hampshire were given a big boost last Tuesday following a meeting with the secretary of state.

The move would see powers and funding devolved from central government to the county council and the area's borough and unitary authorities if given the go ahead.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's leader Clive Sanders was among several council and business leaders invited by secretary of state for communities and local government Greg Clark to the meeting in Westminster.

Cllr Sanders said: "This was a good step forward but there is still a very long way to go before we arrive at any deal that might be acceptable to Basingstoke and Deane."

"We will be working hard with government officials and our own officers to find a positive way forward, but there remains much to do."

Part of the proposal would include a range of projects to ensure more homes are built, improved transport connections and higher employment among other things across Hampshire.

County council leader Roy Perry added: "We are meeting again before the end of November with our other local partners as it is important that they should have a chance to hear about what was discussed."

Martin walks so charity can fly

A BASINGSTOKE patrol officer is planning to walk the entire length of the River Thames in world record time for charity.

Martin Lee will set off to complete the mammoth 184-mile challenge next year in just six days – less than half the recommended time.

The 28-year-old will be joined by work colleague Paul Davis, of Newbury, in the ambitious trek, which will see the pair journey across southern England carrying all of the kit needed for the week from April 4.

They are aiming to raise £4,165 for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIO-WAA) from their efforts, which is the amount needed to run the charity for a day.

Martin chose to help the organisation after discovering that childhood friend Tomy Aslett had passed away back in 2007 following a car crash, despite the best efforts of the Air Ambulance team to save him.

He said: "I only found out about Tomy's death recently at a school reunion, which was a massive shock."

"But the air ambulance would have been able to give him the best chance, and when I heard

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how much it cost per day to run the service, it made me think that it was a really worthy charity to do something for.

"When I told people I wanted to do this, everyone said I was crazy, but Paul was immediately

like 'let's do this'."

Paul, 40, added: "It will be a tough undertaking and will require us to pull upon all of our determination, willpower and strength to succeed, but this is a great cause and this will give us the inspiration to complete the tough challenge ahead."

The duo will be required to walk an average of 30 miles a day if they are to reach their time

goal, with the Air Ambulance charity labelling the feat as a "phenomenal challenge."

Challenge fundraiser Ian Browning said: "We are very grateful to them and they should pride themselves on the fact that they are helping to keep the air ambulance flying and saving lives across the region."

To donate to the duo, visit justgiving.com/thames6days.



• Basingstoke's Martin Lee (right) will be joined on the walk by colleague Paul Davis (left)

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Grant secured

HAMPSHIRE: Central heating is due to be installed in vulnerable households across Hampshire in response to winter fuel poverty as part of the Hitting the Cold Spots project, which will run until April 2016.

Hampshire County Council has been successful in securing £337,000 of grant funding from the Department for Energy and Climate Change to spend on the initiative.

The project aims to install central heating for the first time in 96 households across Hampshire's 11 districts, with anyone able to refer and identify the most in need of help.

Executive member for adult social care Cllr Liz Fairhurst said: "It's really good news that the county council has been awarded this additional funding which will help us to ensure that residents who don't have central heating will have the opportunity to install it."

For more information on the project, visit hants.gov.uk/cold-spots.

One pound café

OLD BASING: Former Basingstoke MP candidate Elsayed Omar Selim has opened the first £1 or less café in Britain in Old Basing.

QTea Café in Belle Vue Road, situated directly across the road from St Mary's Church of England Junior School, opened its doors for business for the first time on Sunday, November 8.

The café offers tea, coffee and a range of home-made cakes, while visitors will also be able to watch television and use the free wi-fi on site.



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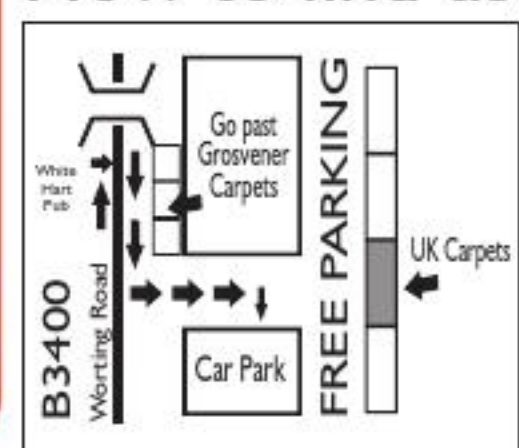


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Burglary appeal is launched in Basingstoke

POLICE are investigating three distraction burglaries in Basingstoke in which two men posed as water board officials.

In each case the victims targeted were elderly women – with the suspects in question managing to con their way inside the properties.

One of the men then proceeded to distract the homeowner by claiming he was checking the water flow, while the other searched the rest of the house for valuables.

A total of £100 was taken from a handbag at one of the homes during the burglaries at Falkland Road in Popley, Wessex Close in Kings Furlong and Westray Close in Oakridge.

The incidents took place between 3pm and 6pm last Tuesday, with police confirming that the burglaries are linked.

PC Mike Ahearne, from Basingstoke CID, said: "If you know any vulnerable person where you live, please be vigilant when they receive visitors."

"When answering the door to people you do not know, use a door chain until you are satisfied about who they are."

"Check the identification of all cold callers and if you are unsure about them, do not let them in."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101.

MP seeks charter for rail upgrades



BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller has called for a new "Commuters Charter" for rail passengers in the town.

The government launched a 12-week public consultation earlier this month as part of its plans to shape future rail improvements.

As previously reported in the Observer, a franchise competition is due to take place to decide

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the next operator of South Western Rail after current holders Stagecoach failed to renew its contract past June 2017 with the Department for Transport.

Ahead of that decision, Mrs Miller has continued her campaign to secure additional investment to tackle overcrowding on trains operating on the main line from Basingstoke into Waterloo by removing First Class carriages.

She said: "My main focus is on improving the lot of commuters from Basingstoke, who regularly have to put up with standing room only for up to an hour on both their morning and evening journeys."

"We already need 20 per cent more space on trains at peak time to cope and by 2043 trains through Basingstoke will need 60 per cent more space because of new housing being built."

"I want to see a new Commuters Charter, which could deliver greater capacity by running longer trains and making more room by getting rid of First Class carriages."

She continued: "I am also call-

ing for the replacement of the three-seat configurations on trains, which are universally disliked."

The consultation will look to examine ways to tackle capacity constraints, increase standards in customer service and improve efficiency during the next phase of the franchise.

An event for residents examining the contents of the proposal in more detail will take place in Basingstoke at the Hilton in Old Common Road on December 1 from 12pm to 2pm.

A South Western Rail statement read: "The new South Western franchise will be expected to deliver a transformation in the way the railway serves its markets and communities."

It added: "We are seeking a franchisee who will deliver benefits to passengers through increased capacity, a high quality passenger experience and a service with better value for money to taxpayers and fare payers."

Residents have until February 9 next year to take part in the consultation.

To take part and to leave feedback, go to gov.uk/government/consultations/south-western-rail-franchise.

News Bites

Special visit

BASINGSTOKE: Elderly patients at Basingstoke hospital got an unexpected visitor to their ward earlier this month. Around 30 patients got the chance to hold owl Biscuit, from the Soft Landing Animal Aid Association.

Biscuit and his handler Mike Savage spent more than an hour with hospital residents on Thursday, November 5.

Event organiser Paula Vokes said: "We have one patient who, up until now, has not said much to anyone, but he asked to come along and was smiling and asking questions throughout the visit."

"It's great to think that the visit has made a difference to both patients and visitors."



Sports awards

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Residents from across the borough have until December 5 to nominate people for the 2015 Annual Sports Awards.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Basingstoke Sports Council and Destination Basingstoke are among the organisations supporting the awards, which will be held at the Apollo Hotel on Friday, March 4 next year.

To nominate, go to basingstoke.gov.uk/sportsawards.

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Council meetings

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE:

The borough council's cabinet will next meet on Tuesday night at the Civic Offices in London Road from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

The development control committee will also meet the following night at the same time and location.

Trade praise

BASINGSTOKE:

MP Maria Miller spoke at the 40th anniversary reception of Women and Manual Trades (WAMT) last Tuesday in Westminster.

WAMT was the first group formed by women to promote working in construction and building services as a positive and enjoyable option for women.

Mrs Miller said: "I congratulate WAMT for the excellent work that they do to promote careers in the construction and building services to women."

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE:

St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, November 20.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 52675 of Basingstoke, while ticket 16982 of Oakley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 36356, and Tadley ticket 47309 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to 04869, 27181, 33053, 34992, 39846, 41425, 46794, 51480, 77735, 79524, 80350, 83158, 83192, 85206, 88424 and 95351.

'Flat-pack' housing idea proposed by Lib Dems

BASINGSTOKE and Deane's Liberal Democrat group have put forward an innovative solution to the borough's housing problem.

The borough council's draft local plan on whether to build up to 850 homes annually for the next 14 years is currently in the process of being examined by a government planning inspector.

Around 40 per cent of the potential houses have been earmarked as affordable housing across the area's range of ongoing and planned developments to deal with increasing demand.

But councillor for Grove Stephen Day is now calling on the council to follow the example of countries in east Asia like Japan by investing in pre-fabricated and flat-pack dwellings known as Stepping Stone housing.

The 26m² studio apartments are for single occupancy, cost around £35,000 to construct and include en-suite bathrooms and a joint kitchen and living room.

Cllr Day said: "Many people know they will never be able to afford to buy a house and would love to be given the chance to have a place of their own."

"These homes would be far less expensive than the £600 to £800 people would spend on a one-bedroom flat, and the coun-

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cil would save even more money and provide better accommodation for local people.

"This is something which is common in other countries around the world and we can take the best ideas out there and use them to tackle Basingstoke and Deane's housing problem."

"Let's set aside land for pre-fab and other innovative forms of low-cost housing and give people the opportunity to try this way of living."

A similar scheme was opened in September in the London Borough of Merton at the 36 flat Y-Cube development, which rents out pre-fabricated living quarters stacked on top of one another for young people moving out of YMCA residencies.

Units arrive on site ready-made as part of Stepping Stone projects and can be easily moved, with Lib Dem Basingstoke leader Cllr Gavin James urging for the idea to be piloted while per-

manent houses are being built in the area.

The Eastrop councillor said: "These houses are designed to last 60 years and can be leased for a while and then be re-sited."

"With their speed of construction and implementation, they could be the perfect solution for brownfield infill plots and sites where development is stalled."



Grove councillor Stephen Day has called for flat-pack housing

New seat for Friends fan Henry

A DISABLED Basingstoke toddler is sitting pretty after being handed a generous donation by a children's charity.

Henry Southwell has a neurological condition known as global developmental delay (GDD) that means he can't sit up on his own.

The three-year-old's condition has also left him with both hearing and breathing problems, while resulting in learning difficulties.

But essential equipment charity Newlife have provided Henry with a new specialist supportive chair so that he can enjoy one of his favourite hobbies.

"He loves watching TV. His favourite show is 'Friends', so seeing him cosy and happy is a big relief," said mum Faye.

"His old seating was a high chair and was quite rigid; it offered a little support but he could not relax."

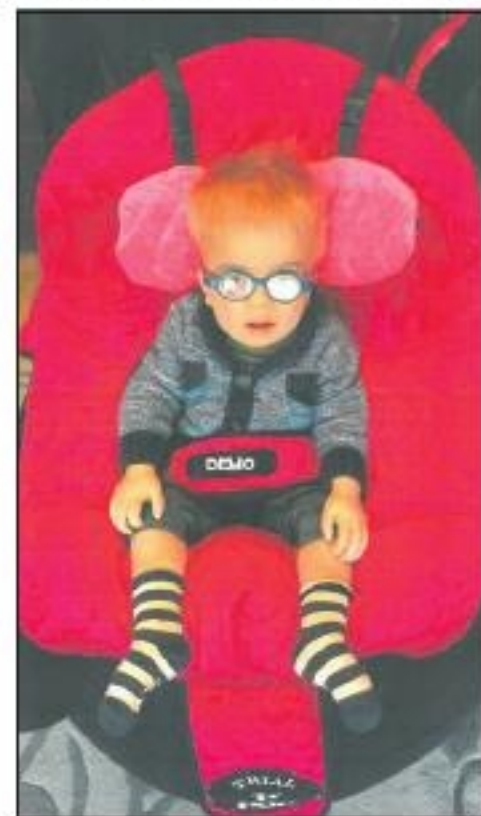
"Life before the new seat was hard because he was unable to sit up on his own so I am very grateful for the help Newlife has provided."

Newlife currently provides equipment for 12 families from

around Hampshire at a cost of £14,146, while it has previously helped 346 children from the county with over £540,000 of specialist apparatus.

Faye added: "Many people do not understand the amount of work that goes into looking after a child with a disability."

"Henry's new seat is only a small part of our lives but it has made such a huge difference."



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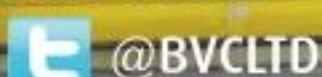
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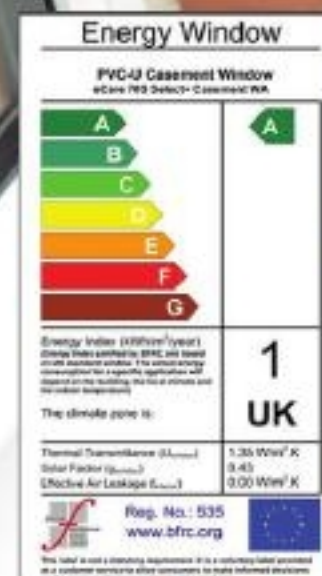
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Christmas lights

TADLEY: Tadley's annual Christmas tree lights event will be held tomorrow evening.

The switch-on event will begin at 6pm with the opening of the Christmas market in the Ambrose Allen Centre and carol singing from children from Burnham Copse School.

Further performances from the Tadley Band, the Hurst Singers and the Tadley Singers will then take place half an hour later before pantomime stars Mark Rhodes and Melanie Waters switch on the tree lights at 7pm.

Father Christmas will be in attendance during the night, while there will also be a merry-go-round and Santa's grotto for youngsters, and refreshments stand on offer.

County divisions

HAMPSHIRE: The county council is encouraging residents to have their say on draft proposals to change county division boundaries.

Since the last review of the county council's electoral divisions a decade ago, there have been population changes in various parts of Hampshire, and some areas of the county now contain greater or fewer residents than before.

As a result, an eight-week public consultation is now under way until January 11 next year, on the proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

To have your say on the proposals, visit the website: lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east-hampshire/hampshire-county-council.

Police make fire HQ switch

HAMPSHIRE'S police service moved into shared headquarters with their fire service colleagues last week.

More than 100 Hampshire Constabulary staff made the cost-cutting switch to Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service's headquarters in Eastleigh – in a first for both services nationwide.

Both are set to make annual savings of around £1million as a result of the change, which come as part of the county's police and crime commissioner's (PCC) strategy to replace out of date premises with more modern buildings.

Hampshire Constabulary Chief Constable Andy Marsh was among the staff that moved to the new joint HQ last Tuesday, and spoke of his pride at spearheading the move.

He said: "This is one of many moves and developments across the police estate where we are moving into shared locations with partners which is helping us to continue working in the heart of the community in a more efficient way."

"This relocation into a shared headquarters reinforces the already strong partnership we have with our colleagues in Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and we are proud to be the first police to do this in the country."

Hampshire Fire's Chief Officer Dave Curry added: "Working side by side with the police will allow us to strengthen our excellent working relationship and I

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am delighted to be welcoming them to Eastleigh.

"Working in collaboration with our colleagues across other agencies is a fundamental part of how we now work and how we will continue to keep residents safe across Hampshire."

The building on Leigh Road has been redeveloped over the last six months to accommodate police staff, with more work to be undertaken over the coming months to create a conference centre in the fire appliance bay.



• Chief Constable Andy Marsh (left) and Chief Officer Dave Curry (right) will both work under the same roof in a move praised by both men

And with work also beginning last month on a new £10m Police Investigation Centre in the Viables, Hampshire PCC Simon Hayes lauded the "unique" building share.

He said: "I firmly believe it's important to have a modern, efficient and appropriate working environment and, quite simply, it is a waste to spend money on old buildings that are not fit for purpose."

"This move into the new headquarters provides a unique shared working environment that develops stronger partnership working as well as an environment fit for modern policing at no extra cost to the taxpayer."



56-home office conversion at Dextra Court completed

AN UNUSED office block has been converted into 56 new homes in Basingstoke's town centre.

Work has finished on the site in Dextra Court after just over a year – with the development containing a mixture of one- and two-bedroom apartments.

The build had been used for office space for nearly 30 years, before being purchased by local housing association Sentinel Housing.

All 56 homes have already been reserved to rent by residents at the new site, which borders an upcoming 578-home development in Chapel Hill.

Sentinel development and regeneration director Mike

Shepherd said: "We're not surprised to see such a high demand for these homes."

"Figures out this week show an annual house price increase in the south east of 7.4 per cent, which puts home ownership out of the reach of many people, making this type of rental a good, secure alternative."

"It's in a prime location next to the train station and town centre, and each apartment has two allocated parking spaces which is rare in this type of location."

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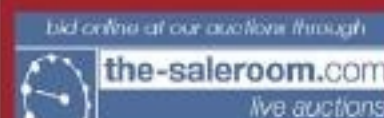
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Euro funding helps shape borough's next workers

YOUNGSTERS from around the borough have been handed a financial helping hand from across the continent as they look to join the world of work.

A total of €75,000 has been raised as part of the Shaping Characters project alongside European partners from Latvia, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

Investors are working with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, the Costello School and Basingstoke Consortium to identify the main issues around work-readiness of young people.

The partners will work with schools, local authorities and youth organisations from across each country during the two-year project to make sure pupils leave schools and colleges prepared for work by building 'employability' skills and confidence.

Council leader Clive Sanders said: "Through this initiative some young people in our schools, who may otherwise struggle to develop the type of 'work ready' skills that local employers need, will benefit from people across Europe working together to give them a brighter future."

"This European funding is one of 11 successful bids over the last 10 years, which have secured over €800,000 in total."

Smokers urged to commit to quitting

A BASINGSTOKE woman has called for smokers to follow her example and kick the habit for good.

Until last month Tessa Llama smoked around 40 cigarettes a day – something she had done for the last 29 years.

But after being rushed to Basingstoke hospital with pneumonia in early October, the 49-year-old vowed to quit and hasn't smoked at all for over four weeks.

She said: "I have tried to give up before, but I couldn't make it work and I just didn't have the willpower to give up on my own."

"I was in hospital last year, and all I wanted to do was to get out so I could have a cigarette, but when I was admitted again, I was determined that the same thing wouldn't happen."

"I'm confident that I can keep it up."

"I will do it my own way, but with a bit of help, I'm determined to give up."

South Ham resident Tessa pointed to the help she received from the NHS Quit4Life Enhanced Smoking Cessation Project at the hospital for managing to not reach for a cigarette.

The new project sees patients provided with advice on ways to quit for good and materials to

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help people cope with cigarette withdrawal, with Quit4Life advisor Louise Fuller urging smokers to take advantage of support.

"I cannot tell you how proud I

am of Tessa," said Louise.

"Tessa has highly complex medical needs and quitting will improve her quality of life."

"Being in a hospital is a highly anxious time for patients, but so is quitting, especially when patients have smoked most of their life."

Tessa added: "The first couple

of days were the hardest, but Louise helped me to get through it and I could not have done it without her."

"If I can give up, anybody can, and I would encourage people to take part in this programme because it just makes sense."

For more information, visit quit4life.nhs.uk.



Quit4Life advisor for Basingstoke hospital Louise Fuller is helping patients to stop smoking for good

Business booster is ranked as world's best

A BUSINESS partnership based in Basingstoke has been ranked as the top university business incubator (UBI) in the world.

SETsquared was recognised for its work supporting hi-tech start-ups at its hub in Basing View at a ceremony in London yesterday.

The move has seen the business booster improve on its second-placed ranking by UBI Global in 2014, with Basingstoke entrepreneur in residence Adrian Braine labelling the accolade an "incredible achievement".

He said: "SETsquared is very proud to have played our part in putting the UK on the map as one of the top performing countries in the world for innovation."

"It's an incredible achievement to be recognised as the top university incubator in the world, and we're all delighted by the news."

SETsquared is a partnership of the universities of Bath, Exeter, Southampton, Surrey and Bristol and has supported over 1,000 start-ups to raise over £1 billion of investment since it was created 13 years ago.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller said: "We are proud to be at the heart of delivering this important technology success story."

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THIS year The Anvil's traditional family pantomime for 2015 is Jack and the Beanstalk.

Taking the villainous role of Flesh-creep is Mark Little, best known as Joe Mangel in the soap phenomenon Neighbours. He was a popular host of Channel 4's The Big Breakfast and has presented numerous programmes on British television including ITV's Wish You Were Here. He is a regular panelist on The Wright Stuff and recently appeared on Charity Mastermind. Mark's West End theatre debut was in the one-man play Defending the Caveman which won him an Olivier Award for Best Entertainment.

Taking the title role of Jack is Mark Rhodes, best known as one half of the hugely popular duo Sam and Mark, and current presenters on CBBC's Junior Bake Off. Also recently seen on CBBC with the popular entertainment show Sam & Mark's Big Friday Wind Up, for which the duo won their first Children's BAFTA, Mark has come a long way since Pop Idol in 2003, where he and Sam came 2nd and 3rd. Other television credits include Top Of The Pops Reloaded with Fearne Cotton, the Saturday morning show TMI and quiz show Copy Cats.

Closing date: Friday, December 4

The Forest Fairy is Melanie Walters, best known for her role as Stacey's mum Gwen West in the BAFTA Award-winning series Gavin and Stacey for the BBC. Melanie has a long list of television appearances including Elliott's mum in Hollyoaks, Being Human and Under Milk Wood.

The clown of the panto, Simple Simon, is played by Chris Pizzey, best known for being Basil's side kick Mr Stephen in CBBC's The Basil Brush Show. Chris has also been seen in The Legend of Dick and Dom, Planet Ajay and The Sarah Jane Adventures as well as Mini ITV's The Sooty Show.

Chris is also directing the panto at The Anvil, which is once again produced by UK Productions.

Dame Trott is played by actor and playwright Philip Meeks, a seasoned

dame with many pantomime appearances under his belt.

Jack and the Beanstalk, at The Anvil, will run from Thursday 10 December 2015 to Sunday 3 January 2016.

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- 8 Thorn (7)
- 9 Try (6)
- 10 Compelling (9)
- 11 In this place (4)
- 13 Performed (5)
- 14 Gave (7)
- 16 In place of (7)
- 18 Way of speech (5)
- 19 Poems (4)
- 21 Doctor (9)
- 22 Pictures (6)
- 23 Venerated (7)
- 24 Strives (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Surpass (9)
- 2 Unforeseen events (9)
- 3 Musical instrument (5)
- 5 Insect (4)
- 6 More spacious (6)
- 7 In rows (6)
- 9 Express contempt (5)
- 11 Pains (9)
- 12 Made new (9)
- 15 Ways (5)
- 16 Antiseptic (6)
- 17 Calm (6)
- 20 willow (5)
- 21 Nuisance (4)

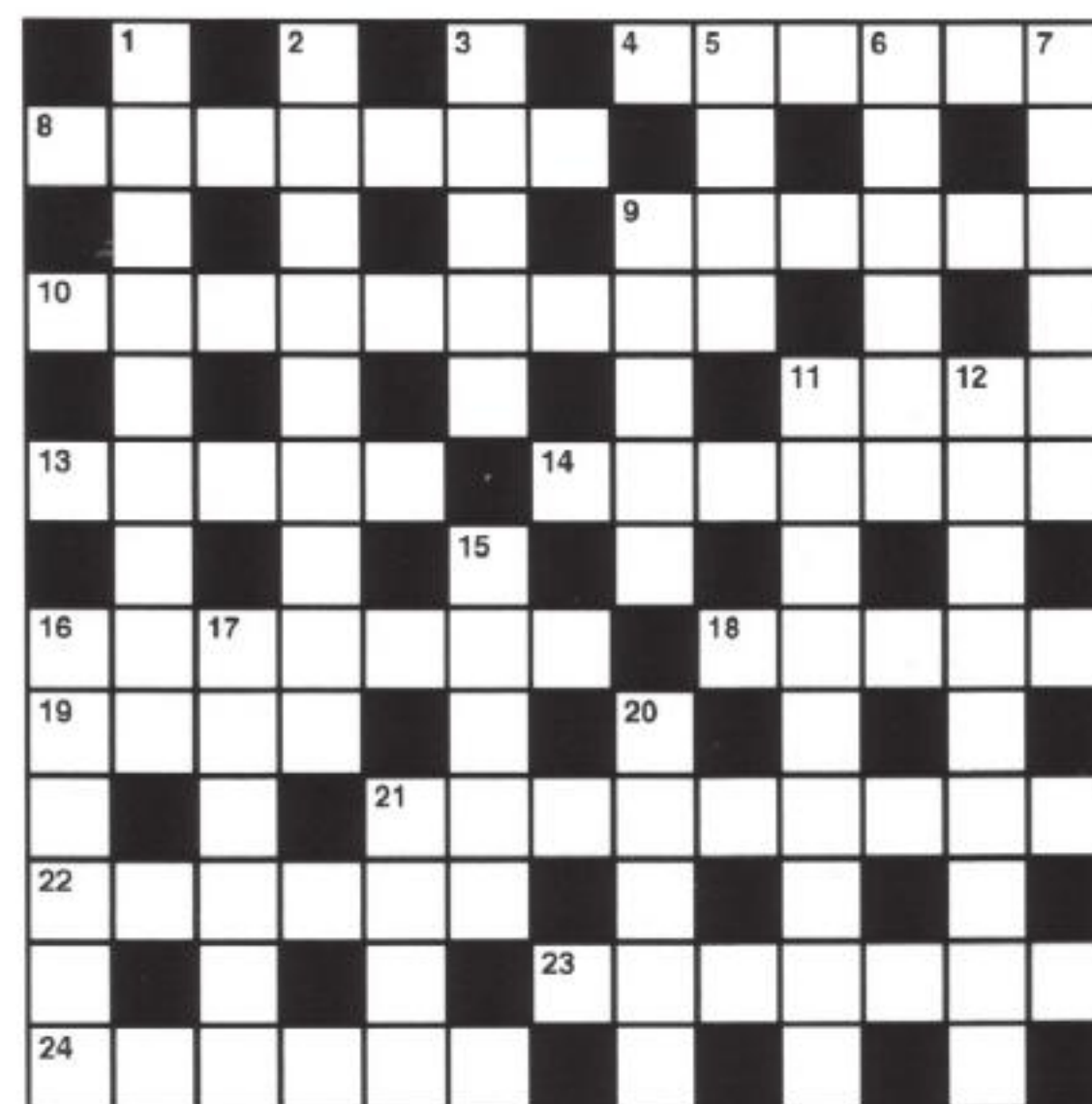
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 A religious man can be firm (6)
- 8 The 15 by which a judge might hold two thousand dollars? (7)
- 9 Food for the parasite (6)
- 10 Lock in the ones who are performers (9)
- 11 A standard flower (4)
- 13 Sudden thrust that with a quiet start could be a dive (5)
- 14 To experience again the end of the ache inside will bring comfort (7)
- 16 Rub around the climate (7)
- 18 Deserve a different mitre (5)
- 19 The editor, for example, goes back to the margin (4)
- 21 Steady! Rye cocktails can bring back the recent past (9)
- 22 Sounds like the larger type of mill (6)
- 23 Exult about a Ulyssean author, by the sound of it (7)
- 24 Discourages those who rested out (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Broke the great emperor, in short, about to do the old city (9)
- 2 Amount to an opening round Mr Peck (9)
- 3 Control the French wood (5)
- 5 Hints on putting up a barbecue? (4)
- 6 The dumsy performance of Napoleon initially in a call to war (6)
- 7 Mere upset before the example arises to come into view (6)
- 9 Break off relations with the visionary, and start a veto inside (5)
- 11 Dismiss the evidence as being incombustible (9)
- 12 Having overturned the cells, I do a jig - to celebrate the escape? (9)
- 15 Bar the last head always (5)
- 16 Firmly fixed as accidentally bordered (6)
- 17 Horrified at what the flag has to show (6)
- 20 Unqualified to speak? (5)
- 21 Time the sun's beam comes up round the East (4)



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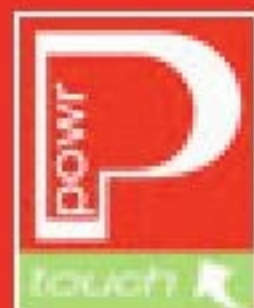
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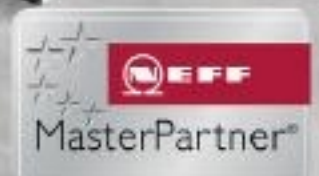
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4			7	2		6	1	
		7	3		4		2	
	5	8	1			3		
6	8			3	5			7
9		5				2		6
3			2	6				8
		4			2	5	8	
	1		5		9	4		
	2	6		8	3			

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This week's solutions

1	6	9	2	5	8	3	4	7
8	5	3	1	5	7	9	2	4
2	7	8	9	4	1	3	5	7
6	4	1	8	2	3	5	7	9
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4	3	7	2	9	1	5	8	6
9	8	4	7	3	6	2	1	5
5	2	1	6	3	4	7	8	9

Quick Crossword
 Across: 4 Aghast 8 Prickle 9 Sample 10 Insistent 11 Here
 13 Acted 14 Offered 17 Instead 18 Idiom 19 Odes
 21 Physician 22 Images 23 Revered 24 Exerts
 Down: 1 Transcend 2 Accidents 3 Fute 5 Gnat 6 Ampier
 7 Tiered 9 Sniff 11 Headaches 12 Renovated 15 Paths
 16 Iodine 17 Sedate 20 Osier 21 Pest
Cryptic Crossword
 Across: 4 Stable 8 Trigger 9 Sponge 10 Actresses 11 Flag
 13 Lunge 14 Relieve 16 Weather 18 Ment 19 Edge 21 Yesterday
 22 Greater 23 Rejoice 24 Deters
 Down: 1 Fractured 2 Aggregate 3 Leash 5 Tips 6 Bungle
 7 Emerge 9 Sever 11 Fireproof 12 Avoidance 15 Lever
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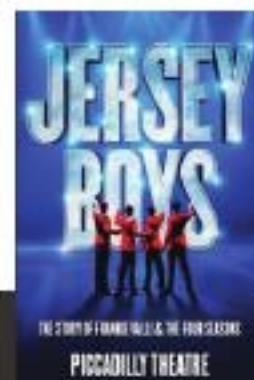
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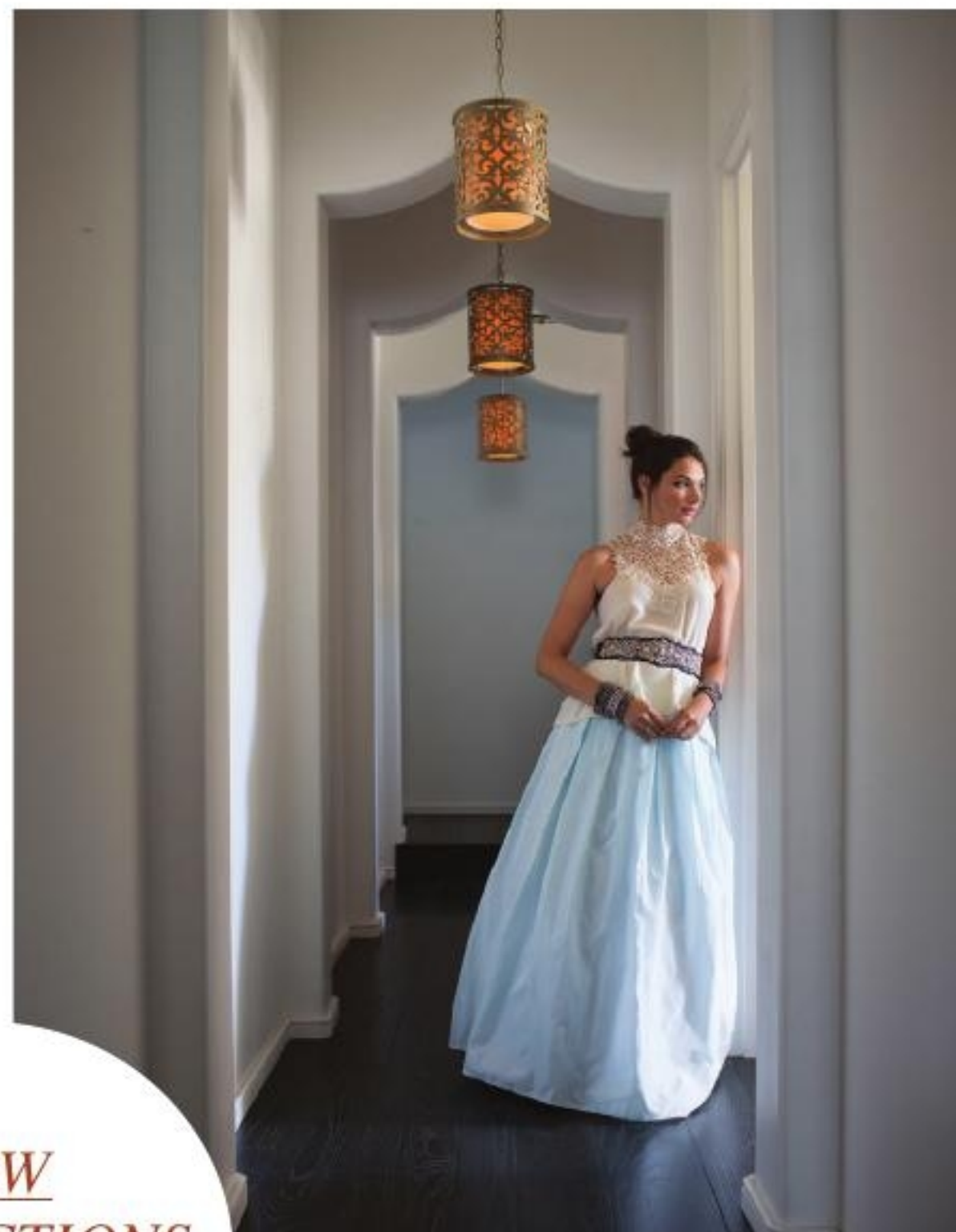
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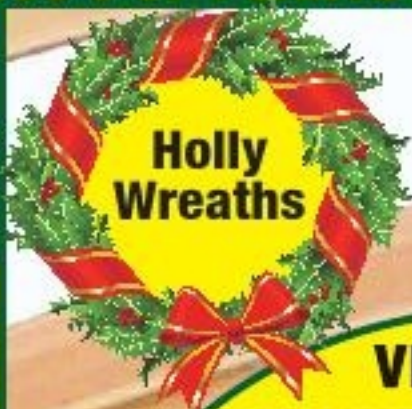
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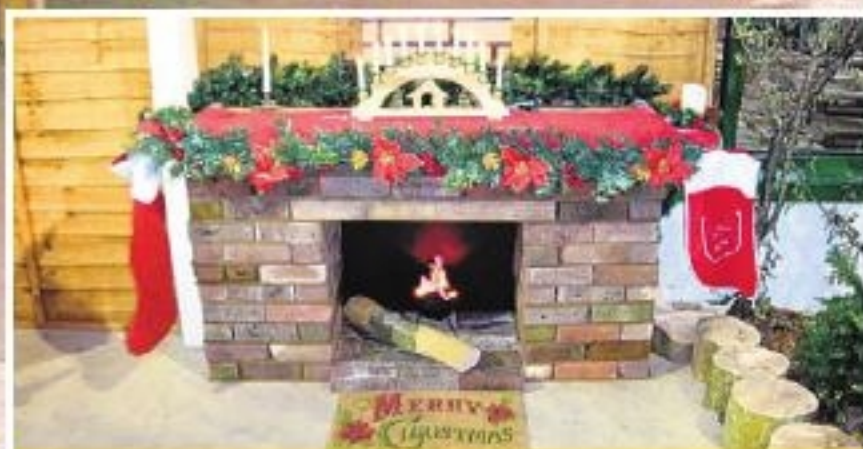
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You can now pre book to see Santa on the 5th and 13th December and with limited spaces, be quick to avoid disappointment as on the same days there will be Abby happy farm displaying a selection of their farm animals including new born lambs.

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Managing Director James Thompson comments "We opened our Bagshot store in March and can't believe how quickly this year has gone already! We have enjoyed a great first few months trading and are looking forward to a busy Christmas period.

It's a great time of year where everyone is in a great mood and buying their loved ones some amazing gifts. We have invested heavily in a range of some of the best bikes and cycling accessories and equipment on the market for all the family."

The Surrey based store, which backs onto the popular Swinley Forest mountain bike destination, has been involved in some high profile activities this year. In September, Spokes of Bagshot supported a land speed record attempt in Nevada, USA where Spokes sponsored athlete Ken Buckley broke the British unassisted speed record with a speed of 75.03

MPH. We have also sponsored Touring Car driver Rob Collard who has enjoyed a number of BTCC podiums this year and our athlete David Kirk ranked 14th in the World at the Duathlon World Championships in Australia earlier this month.

The shop has a strong emphasis on high levels of customer service. We give out free coffee (and cakes on our shop rides on Sunday mornings!), we have a state of the art bike fitting service, and we offer life time free servicing with every bike we sell. We also do part exchange and offer friendly, experienced advice in a relaxed, modern and welcoming environment.

Community Spirit to help the local community

'A feeling of involvement in and concern for one's local community'. That is the meaning of 'Community Spirit', so when business owner Lesley Sangwell opened her shop in Thatcham just over a year ago, it was her sole ambition to offer top quality pre-loved clothes, toys, small electrical items and gifts for sale, all from kind donations generating proceeds which go directly in to small local non-profit making groups.

Lesley had previously worked as Manager of a High Street charity shop, but after hearing that more and more people wished for their items to support local groups decided to launch Community Spirit. The shop has now relocated to the High Street in Thatcham with parking right outside. A large and varied stock is always on display and donations of good quality items are always needed to help support local groups - collection of items can also be arranged. Follow us on Facebook for more information.

Tadley Angling

I came across this poem and it brought a tear to my eye as it reminded me of the conflict we have in our world today and the brave people who fight for our freedom.

Kevin and I would like to dedicate it to all of the arms forces around the world this Festive season and we pray for their safe return home. 'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney, with presents to give and to see just who in this home did live As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree. No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand. On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind, a sobering thought soon came to my mind. For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen. This was the home of a US Marine I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more, so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door. And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone, Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.

He seemed so gentle, his face so serene, Not how I pictured a US Marine. Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read? Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan. I soon understood, this was more than a man. For I realized the families that I saw that night, owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.

Soon around the Nation, the children would play, And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day. They all enjoyed

freedom, each month and all year, because of Marines like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home. Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye. I dropped to my knees and I started to cry.

He must have awoken, for I heard a rough voice, "Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more. My life is my God, my country, my Corps."

With that he rolled over, drifted off into sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I watched him for hours, so silent and still. I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.

So I took off my jacket, the one made of red, and covered this Marine from his toes to his head. Then I put on his T-shirt of scarlet and gold, with an eagle, globe and anchor emblazoned so bold.

And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride, and for one shining moment, I was Marine Corps deep inside. I didn't want to leave him so quiet in the night, this guardian of honour so willing to fight.

But half asleep he rolled over, and in a voice clean and pure, said "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure." One look at my watch and I knew he was right, Merry Christmas my friend, Semper Fi (Always faithful) and goodnight

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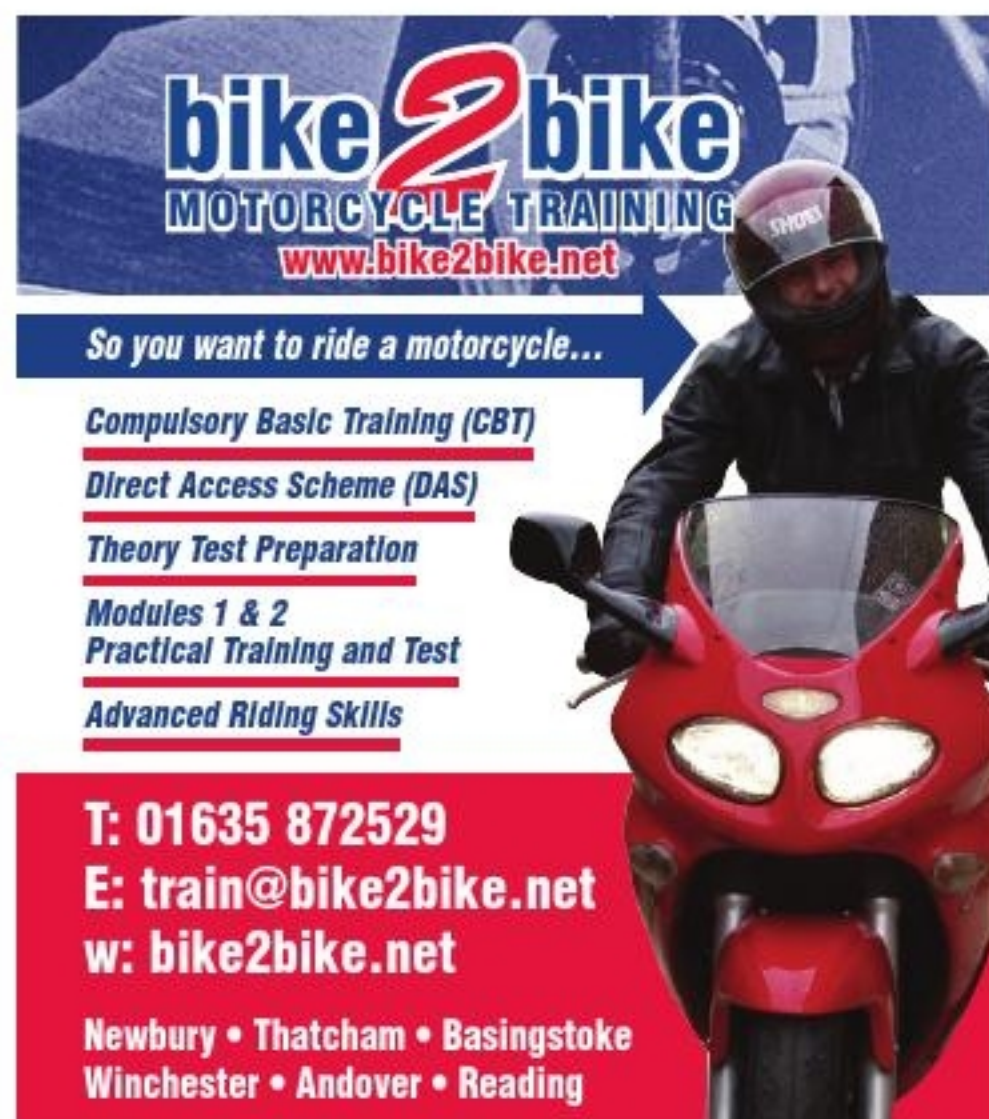
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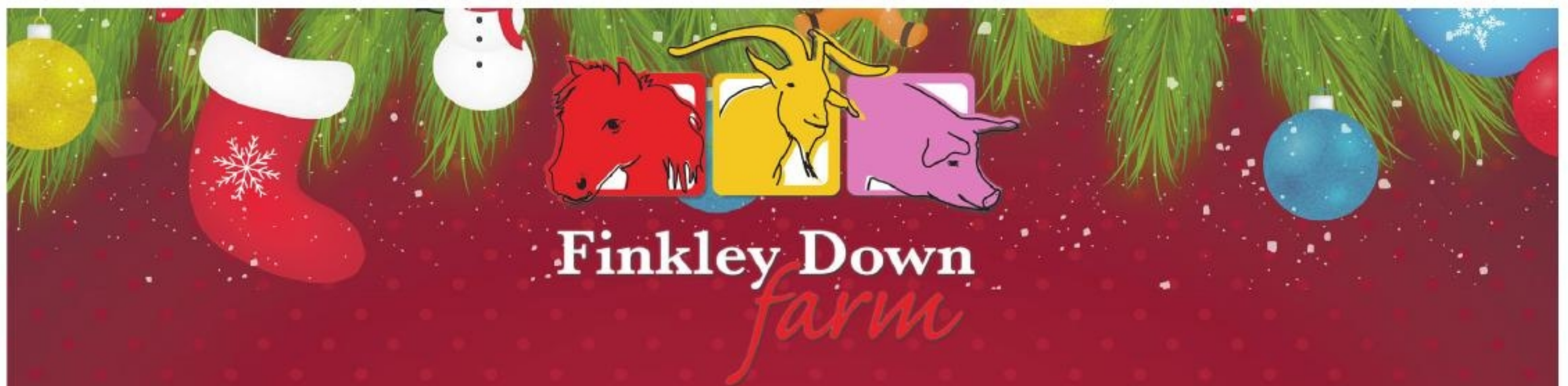
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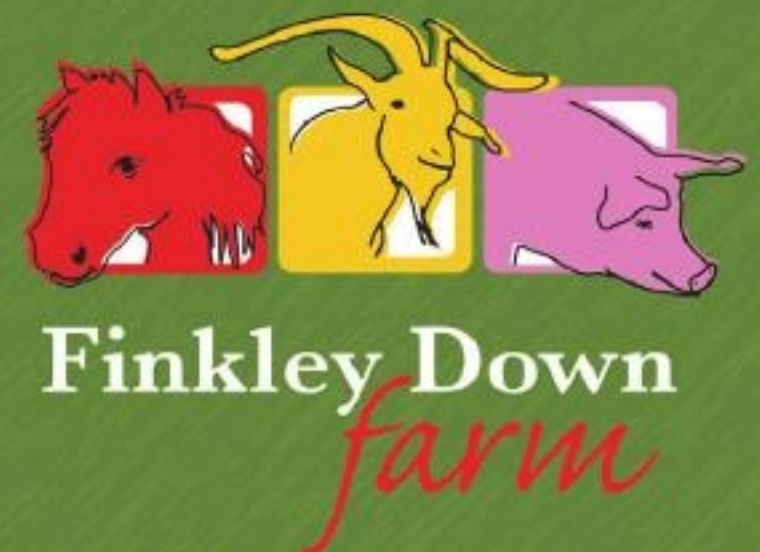
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Owner Piero Pagliaroli, along with his head chef John Cowan have worked hard to create a new menu which not only offers traditional English fayre, but many continental dishes and are delighted with the positive feedback about the quality of their homemade food. Comments posted on Tripadvisor ® have resulted in the pub winning a certificate of excellence and

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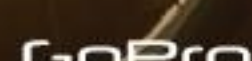
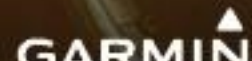
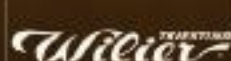
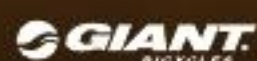
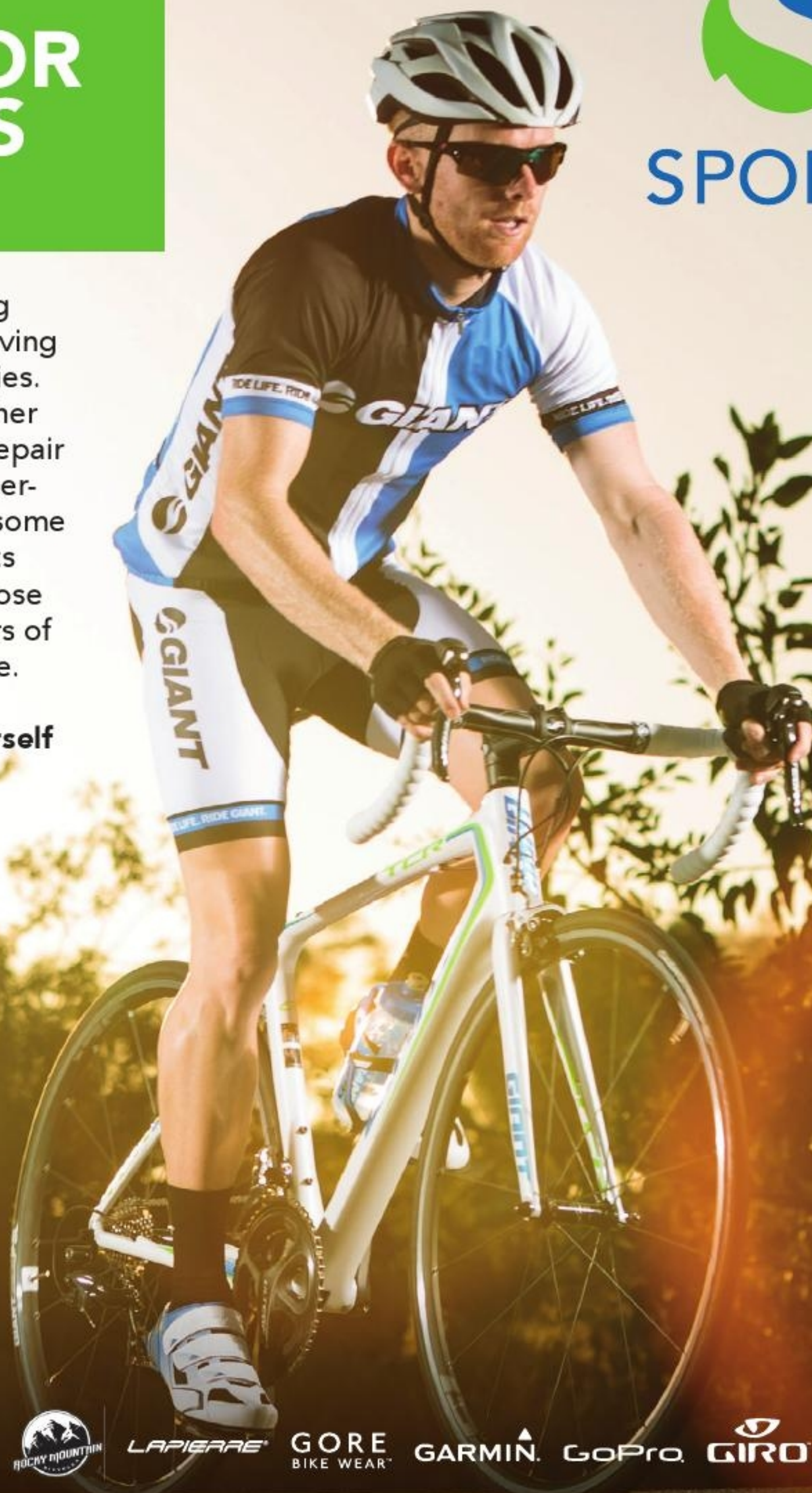


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Friday November 27th

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BBC1

Have I Got News for You, 9pm



6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Fake Britain** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Oxford Street Revealed** (S) **11.45 Rip Off Britain: Food** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Coroner** A woman dies in the build-up to a Latin dance festival. Last in the series. (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S) **3.45 Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure** (S) **4.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S)

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 A Question of Sport Guests include Scott Quinnell and Tino Best; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8.00 EastEnders Sharon and Phil come to blows, putting their marriage in doubt. (S)
8.30 Citizen Khan Mr Khan opens a fried chicken shop. (S)

9.00 Have I Got News for You Hosted by Jo Brand. (S)
9.30 Peter Kay's Car Share Sitcom about two supermarket employees' daily commute. Peter Kay and Sian Gibson star. (S)(R)

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show (S)

11.20 Josh Owen and Josh attend a wedding in the hope of free drink. (S)
11.50 FILM A Few Best Men (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Xavier Samuel and Laura Brent. (S)

1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.30 BBC News (S)

BBC2

Moon, 11.35pm



6.25 Homes Under the Hammer Exploring properties in London, Brighton and Normanton. (S)(R) **7.25 Oxford Street Revealed** Undercover police set out to catch shoplifters red-handed. (S)(R) **8.10 Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure** (S)(R) **8.55 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Practice One** From the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi. (S) **10.45 Coast** (S)(R) **11.15 Planet Dinosaur** (S)(R) **11.45 Daily Politics** (S) **12.15 Tennis: Davis Cup Final** Belgium v Great Britain. (S) **6.00 Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two** Analysis of the couples' progress. (S)

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Breakfast presenters Naga Munchetty and Steph McGovern embark on the cross-country treasure-hunting challenge, assisted by experts Charlie Ross and Charles Hanson. (S)

8.00 Mastermind Specialist subjects include Homer's Iliad and the history of Hong Kong. (S)
8.30 An Island Parish: Falklands The islanders receive an update on the oil exploration going on offshore. (S)

9.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys Travelling from Barcelona to Majorca, Michael Portillo traces the early roots of the Spanish Civil War. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 QI With panellists Bill Bailey, Jo Brand and Greg Davies. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Artsnight - Kwasi Kwarteng (S)
11.30 Weather (S)
11.35 FILM Moon (2009) (15) Sci-fi drama, starring Sam Rockwell. (S)

1.05 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R)
2.05 Imagine (S)(R) **3.25 This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV

I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!, 9pm



6.00 Good Morning Britain News, current affairs and lifestyle features (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S) **3.00 1000 Heartbeats** Quiz show, hosted by Vernon Kay. (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather** (S)

7.00 Emmerdale The doctors have worrying news about Diane. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Tyrone is furious when Hope's big surprise is spoiled. (S)

8.00 Gino's Italian Escape - Islands in the Sun Chef Gino D'Acampo tours Sardinia. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Roy offers Tyrone money. (S)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)

11.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
11.15 FILM Raw Deal (1986) (18) Action thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Kathryn Harrold. (S)

1.10 Jackpot247 **3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA** (S)(R) **3.40 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

TFI Friday, 8pm



6.00 Countdown Word game with Richard Madeley. (S)(R) **6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun** (S)(R) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.30 Undercover Boss USA** (S) **11.30 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.10 Deal or No Deal** Game show. (S) **3.10 Countdown** Word game with Richard Madeley. (S) **4.00 Posh Pawnbrokers** Dan examines a guitar signed by pop star Noel Gallagher. (S) **5.00 Couples** **Come Dine with Me** Three couples in Newcastle compete. (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)
7.30 Unreported World Brazil's child preachers. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 TFI Friday Chris Evans hosts the lively entertainment show mixing music and chat with stunts and skits, featuring Ellie Goulding, the Vamps, Wolf Alice and Jamie Lawson. (S)

9.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man The host is joined by singer-presenter Olly Murs to chat about the latest series of The X Factor and perform his new single Kiss Me. Plus, Grace Jones is in the studio. (S)

11.05 First Dates Transsexual Charlie hopes to use his Irish charm to win the affections of 22-year-old Charlotte. (S)(R)

12.10 Rude Tube (S) **1.05 FILM Black Rock (2012)** (15) (S) **2.25 Four Rooms** (S) **3.20 You Deserve This House** (S)(R) **4.15 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.15 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** (S)(R)

Channel 5

NCIS: New Orleans, 9pm



6.00 Milkshake! **9.15 The Wright Stuff** Panel discussion. **11.30 FILM Matchmaker Santa (2012)** (PG) (S) **1.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** Tony is infected with a deadly virus. (S)(R) **3.15 FILM The March Sisters at Christmas (2012)** (PG) Drama, starring Julie Marie Berman. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** **5.30 Neighbours** Toadie finds proof that someone has been playing tricks on Steph's mind. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** Charlotte discovers someone is watching her every move. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 UK's Strongest Man 2015 Action from the semi-finals of the annual contest, which took place at Belfast's Titanic Quarter. (S) **5 News Update** (S)

8.00 Police Interceptors: Dog Squad A look at the police dog teams in the Cleveland and Durham specialist operations unit. (S) **5 News Update** (S)

9.00 NCIS: New Orleans The elusive Baitfish murders LaSalle's girlfriend Savannah in an effort to send a sinister message to Pride. Scott Bakula and Lucas Black star. (S)

10.00 NCIS The team investigates the killing of a photographer. (S)
10.55 NCIS: Los Angeles Part two of two. Hetty and the team continue to search for the elusive black book. (S)

11.55 Access Showbiz news and gossip.

12.00 SuperCasino **3.10 Britain's Biggest Bank Jobs** (S)(R) **4.00 A&E: When Patients Attack** (S)(R) **4.45 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.10 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.35 House Doctor** (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Union J: The Hot Desk **6.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.35** Psych **7.20** Emmerdale **8.20** Coronation Street **8.50** Dinner Date **9.50** Psych **10.45** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **11.45** You've Been Framed! **12.10** Emmerdale **1.15** Coronation Street **1.40** Dinner Date **2.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **7.00** You've Been Framed! & Famous **8.00** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) (12) **10.15** Little Mix: The Hot Desk **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **11.30** Celebrity Juice **12.20** Two and a Half Men **1.15** The Vampire Diaries **2.00** Example: The Hot Desk **2.10** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV Nightscreen
ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** George and Mildred **6.35** Heartbeat **7.40** Murder, She Wrote **8.35** Where the Heart Is **9.40** Judge Judy **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.00** Heartbeat **2.05** Wild at Heart **3.10** Where the Heart Is **4.15** Doctor at Large **4.50** On the Buses **5.20** George

and Mildred **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.05** FILM: Death Becomes Her (1992) (PG) **2.45** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.15** Emmerdale
BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.15** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.25** Family Guy **12.45** Rent a Cop **1.15** Josh **1.45** The Fear **2.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **3.00** Live at the Apollo **3.30** Rent a Cop **4.00** Close
BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Sounds of the 70s **8.00** Easy Listening Hits at the BBC **9.00** Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song **10.30** The Joy of Easy Listening **12.00** Kings of 70s Romance **1.00** Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song **2.30** The Joy of Easy Listening **4.00** Close
E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Revenge **6.45** Charmed **8.30** Hollyoaks **9.00**

Rules of Engagement **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Woman in Black (2012) (12) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Drifters **12.30** Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos **1.35** How I Met Your Mother **2.25** Rules of Engagement **3.10** The New Normal **3.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.20** Revenge
MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Grand Designs **10.00** Building the Dream **11.05** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **11.40** FILM: Winchester '73 (1950) (U) **1.25** Time Team **3.35** Nazi Megastructures **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **5.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **6.50** Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E **10.00** The Returned **11.20** Father Ted **12.25** Grand Designs **1.35** Building the Dream **2.35** Witnesses **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Murphy's War (1971) (12) **1.10** The Desert Fox (1951) (PG) **2.55** Comanche Station (1960) (PG) **4.30** Father Goose (1964) (U) **6.50** Hero (2002) (12) **9.00** X-Men: First Class (2011) (12) **11.35** Bully (2001) (18) **1.50** Weekender (2011) (15) **3.45** Close
DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Flip Men **7.20** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.10** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** American Pickers **10.00** Motorway Cops **11.00** Top Gear **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** American Pickers **4.00** The Money Pit **5.00** Motorway Cops **6.00** Ice Road Truckers **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **10.00** Mock the Week **11.20** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **12.20** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.30** Red Dwarf **3.10** Ross Noble: Freewheeling **4.00** Close
SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** RSPCA

Animal Rescue **9.00** All Aboard: East Coast Trains **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** All Aboard: East Coast Trains **4.00** Futurama **5.00** Modern Family **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Gordonstoun: A Different Class **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** Bring the Noise **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** Nothing to Declare **5.00** UK Border Force
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6.00 Seinfeld **8.00** Stargate Atlantis **9.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** Cold Case **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** Blue Bloods **2.00** Stargate Atlantis **3.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **4.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **5.00** The West Wing **6.00** Without a Trace **7.00** Cold Case **8.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** The Last Panthers **11.00** The Wire **1.30** Curb Your Enthusiasm **2.40** Seinfeld **3.10** Vegas **4.05** Star Trek: Enterprise **5.05** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough

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BBC1

Tennis: Davis Cup Final, 2.05pm



6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Football Focus** (S) **12.00 BBC News**; Weather (S) **12.10 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Qualifying** (S) **2.05 Tennis: Davis Cup Final** Belgium v Great Britain. (S) **5.10 Celebrity Mastermind** With Johnny Ball, Mary Anne Hobbs, Neil Fitzmaurice and Katie Thistleton. (S)(R) **5.40 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News**; Weather (S) **6.00 Pointless Celebrities** A Formula One-themed edition of the quiz show. (S) **6.50 Strictly Come Dancing** The seven remaining couples show off their Ballroom and Latin routines. (S)

BBC2

The Great Pottery Throw Down, 5.40pm



6.10 Race to Super Bowl 50 (S)(R) **6.55 FILM Tennessee's Partner** (1955) (PG) (S) **8.20 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Practice Two** (S) **9.55 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Practice Three** (S) **11.05 F1 Rewind - Amazing Races** (S) **12.05 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip** (S)(R) **1.05 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.10 Flog It!** (S) **5.40 The Great Pottery Throw Down** The six remaining potters make a garden sculpture out of slabs of clay. (S)(R) **6.40 Great Continental Railway Journeys** (S)(R)

7.40 Japan: Earth's Enchanted Islands Michelle Dockery narrates a documentary examining the wildlife of the east Asian country, beginning with the animals that live on the island of Honshu. (S)(R)

8.40 Dad's Army Walker is accused of treason. (S)(R)

9.10 QI XL With panellists Bill Bailey, Jo Brand and Greg Davies. (S) **9.55 FILM Papadopoulos & Sons** (2012) (15) Premiere. Comedy, with Stephen Dillane and Georgia Groome. (S)

10.00 BBC News; Weather (S) **10.20 Match of the Day** Gary Lineker introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Southampton; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11.40 The Apprentice The contestants are summoned to the V&A Museum of Childhood, where Lord Sugar gives them the task of setting up and hosting a children's party. (S)(R)

11.40 Snooker: UK Championship Action from the second round at the Barbican Centre in York. (S)

12.30 Snooker: UK Championship Extra (S) **2.30 This Is BBC Two** (S) **5.45 The A to Z of TV Gardening** (S)(R)

ITV

The Chase: Celebrity Special, 7pm



6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** A deputy's wife is murdered. (S)(R) **10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Guests air their differences. (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News**; Weather (S) **12.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Guests air their differences. (S)(R) **1.45 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S)(R) **2.45 Doc Martin** Louisa faces off with love rival Carrie. (S)(R) **3.45 Midsomer Murders** A gruesome discovery points to blackmail and revenge. (S)(R) **5.45 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **6.00 ITV News** (S) **6.15 Catchphrase** Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special Bradley Walsh invites Sally Phillips, Rick Wakeman, Jenny Jones and Alistair McGowan to take part in another star-studded edition of the quiz show. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The remaining contestants face the fifth round of live performances, as Simon Cowell, Nick Grimshaw, Rita Ora and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini seek to whittle the numbers down further. (S)

9.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. (S)

10.45 The Jonathan Ross Show Luther star Idris Elba joins Jonathan in the studio, along with Celebrity Juice host Keith Lemon, Hollywood actress Liv Tyler and wildlife documentarian David Attenborough. (S)

11.50 ITV News (S)

12.04 ITV Regional Weather (S) **12.05 Jackpot247** **3.00 Show Me the Telly** (S) (R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

Easy A, 12.15am



6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.05 Race of Champions 2015** Highlights of day one of the event from The Stadium at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. (S) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S) **11.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.00 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Newbury and Newcastle. (S) **4.00 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **4.30 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** (S) (R) **5.30 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.00 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 The World's Weirdest Weather Examining strange weather events, including cities buried in snow, plagues of locusts, and changes in temperature that boil lakes and freeze frogs. (S)

8.00 Grand Designs: House of the Year The winner of the prestigious award is announced. Last in the series. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM 2 Guns (2013) (15) Premiere. Two undercover agents become fugitives after a disastrous sting, but each thinks the other is a real criminal. Action adventure, with Denzel Washington. (S)

11.10 TFI Friday Chris Evans hosts the lively entertainment show mixing music and chat with stunts and skits, featuring Ellie Goulding, the Vamps, Wolf Alice and Jamie Lawson. (S)(R)

12.15 FILM Easy A (2010) (15) Teen comedy, starring Emma Stone. (S) **2.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man** (S)(R) **2.55 Fargo** (S)(R) **3.50 Hollyoaks** (S)(R) **5.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** (S)(R)

1.05 The Gadget Show (S)(R) **1.55 SuperCasino** **3.10 Sepp Blatter Exposed: The Fall of FIFA** (S)(R) **4.00 Gypsies on Benefits & Proud** (S)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.15 Make It Big** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Football League Tonight, 9pm



6.00 Milkshake! **8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (S) **9.30 The Saturday Show** Matt Barbet and Gaby Roslin present the topical show with three celebrity guests. **11.40 FILM Annie Claus Is Coming to Town** (2011) (PG) Christmas fantasy, starring Maria Thayer. (S) **1.30 FILM The Christmas Shepherd** (2014) (12) Drama, starring Teri Polo. (S) **3.20 FILM Finding Mrs Claus** (2012) (PG) Premiere. Comedy, starring Mira Sorvino. (S) **5.10 FILM Christmas in Conway** (2013) (U) Premiere. Festive romantic drama, starring Andy Garcia and Mandy Moore. (S)

7.00 5 News Weekend (S) **7.05 Police Interceptors: Under Attack** Footage of assaults on members of the unit. (S)(R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Agents Delroy and Kevin face a web of deceit in an Italian delicatessen, while Steve and Paul must evict a tenant who has not paid her rent for over 18 months. (S)(R)

9.00 Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches in the Championship, League One and League Two. (S)

10.20 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks A countdown of illusions that have stood the test of time on the small screen, featuring Penn and Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine, Paul Daniels and Dynamo. (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Emmerdale **9.10** Coronation Street **12.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **1.30** The Xtra Factor **2.30** Little Mix: The Hot Desk **2.45** Scorpion **3.40** You've Been Framed! **4.10** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.40** FILM: Hulk (2003) (12) **8.25** FILM: Back to the Future (1985) (PG) Sci-fi comedy adventure, starring Michael J Fox. **10.45** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.50** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.50** Plebs **1.45** Viral Tap **2.25** Animal Practice **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 On the Buses **6.50** Where the Heart Is **10.35** The Royal **11.35** A Touch of Frost **3.45** FILM: Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975) (12) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGeehan. **5.50** Wycliffe **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Colditz **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Wycliffe **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **7.15**

Don't Tell the Bride **8.15** Top Gear India Special **9.45** Live at the Apollo **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** Josh **1.45** Rent a Cop **2.15** The Fear **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30** Russell Howard's Good News **4.00** Close
BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World **8.00** Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Catching History's Criminals: The Forensics Story **12.00** Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song **1.30** Top of the Pops: 1980 **2.05** Easy Listening Hits at the BBC **3.05** Sounds of the 70s **3.35** Close
E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rules of Engagement **6.45** How I Met Your Mother **7.35** The Goldbergs **8.35** Baby Daddy **9.30** Melissa & Joey **10.30** Made in Chelsea **11.35** Couples Come Dine with Me **1.35** The Goldbergs **2.30** FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) (U) Comedy, starring Zachary Levi. **4.20** Rude(ish) Tube

Shorts **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Shallow Hal (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black. **10.15** Gogglebox **12.25** The Inbetweeners **1.30** The IT Crowd **2.30** Drifters **2.55** Rules of Engagement **4.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.55** Revenge **MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14**
8.55 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.30** Time Team **10.35** Four in a Bed **1.15** FILM: White Christmas (1954) (U) Musical, starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. **3.40** FILM: It's a Wonderful Life (1946) (U) Fantasy drama, starring James Stewart. **6.20** Jamie's Cracking Christmas **7.30** Father Ted **9.00** It Was Alright in the 1960s **10.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15** Father Ted **1.20** The Returned **2.40** Witnesses **4.00** Close
FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Meet Dave (2008) (PG) **1.00** ParaNorman (2012) (PG) **2.50** Time Bandits (1981) (PG) Fantasy comedy, starring Craig Warnock and David Rappaport. **5.05** Congo (1995) (12) Jungle adventure, starring

Dylan Walsh. **7.20** Zoolander (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller. **9.00** The Iceman (2012) (15) A contract killer leads a seemingly normal life, with his family unaware of his deadly profession. Fact-based crime drama, starring Michael Shannon and Winona Ryder. **11.10** American Mary (2012) (18) Thriller, starring Katharine Isabelle. **1.15** Dorian Gray (2009) (15) **3.35** Close
DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Storage Hunters **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Red Bull X-Fighters **11.00** Top Gear **12.00** Storage Hunters **12.30** The Money Pit **1.30** Storage Hunters UK **2.30** Storage Hunters **4.00** FILM: Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986) (PG) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring William Shatner. **6.15** FILM: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989) (PG) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring William Shatner. **8.20** Red Dwarf **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.00** Only Connect **12.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **1.10** Storage

Hunters UK **2.10** Red Bull Rampage **3.10** Ross Noble: Freewheeling **4.00** Home Shopping
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6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Football Freestyle **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** The F1 Show **1.00** Modern Family **3.00** Futurama **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** Gordonstoun: A Different Class **8.00** Landscape Artist of the Year **9.30** A League of Their Own **10.00** You, Me and the Apocalypse **11.00** The Force: Manchester **1.00** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Stargate Atlantis
SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Friday Night Lights **7.00** Seinfeld **9.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **2.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **3.00** Blue Bloods **7.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **10.35** Entourage **1.00** Billy Crystal - 700 Sundays **3.20** Curb Your Enthusiasm **4.00** Seinfeld

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6.00 Breakfast News, sport and entertainment reports. (S) **7.35 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Fern Britton Meets Shane Lynch** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.10 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix** (S) **3.15 Escape to the Country** Highlights of the series from Somerset. (S) **4.15 Songs of Praise** John Craven visits Chatsworth House. (S) **4.50 The Hunt** The hunting methods of aquatic predators. (S)(R) **5.50 BBC News** (S) **6.10 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.20 Countryfile** Artist Matt Sewell demonstrates how he draws birds. (S)

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Featuring a musical performance from Adam Lambert. (S)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow The team returns to Plas Newydd on the Isle of Anglesey, where items waiting to be valued include a Chinese punchbowl and a collection of historical items related to deafness. (S)

9.00 The Hunt Animals on the hunt in deserts and grasslands, where neither predator or prey has anywhere to hide. Featuring footage of cheetahs, eagles, lions, hot rod ants and headlight beetles. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **10.30 Match of the Day 2** Mark Chapman introduces highlights of the latest Premier League matches. (S)

11.50 Citizen Khan Mr Khan opens a fried chicken shop. (S)(R)

12.20 The Graham Norton Show (S) (R) **1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.10 BBC News** (S)

BBC2



6.30 Big Dreams Small Spaces Monty Don helps create gardens for people with little space. (S)(R) **7.30 Countryfile** (S)(R) **8.30 An Island Parish: Falklands** (S)(R) **9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Highlights of the series. (S) **10.30 Simply Nigella** (S)(R) **11.00 My Life on a Plate** (S)(R) **Weather for the Week Ahead**. (S) **11.50 Tennis: Davis Cup Final** Belgium v Great Britain. (S) **3.15 Football: Women's Euro 2017 Qualifiers** England v Bosnia and Herzegovina (kick-off 3.30pm). (S) **5.25 Live Snooker: UK Championship** The second round continues. (S)

7.00 Robert Peston Goes Shopping The history of the retail trade concludes with a look at how the high street has been hit hard in recent times by online shopping and the financial crash. Last in the series. (S)(R)

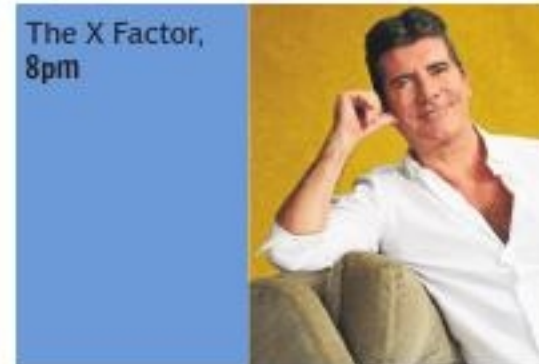
8.00 Ireland with Simon Reeve Part two of two. Simon visits Belfast for the July 12 Festivities, as well as exploring the Giant's Causeway, learning more about Cromwell, and attending the Gaze film festival. (S)

9.00 The Secret History of the British Garden The extraordinary changes that occurred in the 19th century, as technology made gardens more lavish and more widely available. (S)

10.00 FILM The Cider House Rules (1999) (12) A doctor's assistant living in the orphanage where he grew up sets out to see more of life, but faces difficult moral decisions. Drama, starring Tobey Maguire and Michael Caine. (S)

12.00 Snooker: UK Championship (S) **12.50 Snooker: UK Championship Extra** (S) **2.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (S)(R) **3.45 Holby City** (S)(R) **4.45 This Is BBC Two** (S)

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6.00 CITV 9.25 Murder, She Wrote A Hollywood producer steals Jessica's work. (S)(R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Guests air their differences. (S) (R) **11.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Guests air their differences. (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News; Weather** (S) **12.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Guests air their differences. (S)(R) **1.35 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R) **2.35 The X Factor** The would-be stars face their fifth live show. (S)(R) **4.20 FILM The Mummy Returns** (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. (S) **6.35 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Jekyll and Hyde Robert and Max investigate a series of murders believed to be the work of a legendary demonic dog – but discover there is a connection between the case and Tenebrae. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present the results of the viewers' vote, before the two lowest scoring acts compete to decide who will be going through to the semi final. (S)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present as the second week of the celebrity challenge draws to a close, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.45 Off Their Rockers** Seb steals flowers from a funeral. (S)(R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union Action from the latest round of fixtures in England's top flight, including Northampton Saints v Gloucester.

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

Channel 4



6.00 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites (S)(R) **6.05 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **6.45 Race of Champions 2015** (S) **7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With Jason Donovan. (S) **12.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **1.45 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.20 Emergency Animal Hospital** Featuring a pug with a spinal deformity. (S) **3.20 FILM Parental Guidance** (2012) (U) Premiere. Comedy, with Billy Crystal and Bette Midler. (S) **5.25 FILM Sister Act** (1992) (PG) Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg and Harvey Keitel. (S)

7.15 Channel 4 News (S) **7.30 Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber** The mechanic joins a select crew of engineers working on the last functioning Vulcan bomber as the aircraft is taken on a farewell tour. (S)

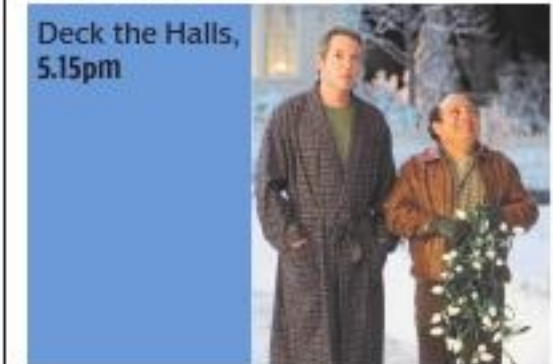
9.00 Homeland While Carrie needs Allison's help, Quinn's plans change. Claire Danes, Miranda Otto, Rupert Friend and Sebastian Koch star. (S)

10.05 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.10 FILM Bullet to the Head (2012) (15) Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Sung Kang and Christian Slater. (S)

12.50 Grand Designs Australia (S) **1.45 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners** (S)(R) **2.40 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **4.55 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites** (S)(R) **5.10 Deal or No Deal** (S)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **10.35 Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **12.00 Access** (S)(R) **12.05 FILM Road to Christmas** (2006) (12) Romantic comedy drama, starring Jennifer Grey and Clark Gregg. (S) **1.55 FILM The Heart of Christmas** (2011) (PG) Premiere. Drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure. (S) **3.35 FILM The Little Mermaid** (1989) (U) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Jodi Benson. (S) **5.15 FILM Deck the Halls** (2006) (PG) Christmas comedy, starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick. (S)

7.05 Police Interceptors: Dog Squad A look at the police dog teams in the Cleveland and Durham specialist operations unit, observing the highly trained hounds and their handlers in training and in action. (S)(R)

8.05 Impractical Jokers US The guys pose as newspaper reporters. (S)

8.30 Impractical Jokers US The guys work in a bakery. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 FILM Gran Torino (2008) (15) A misanthropic Korean War veteran is drawn into protecting a teenager and his family from a street gang. Drama, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Christopher Carley. (S)

11.25 FILM Justice (2011) (15) A man is approached by vigilantes after his wife is attacked, but learns the price for their help is that he must kill someone. Thriller, with Nicolas Cage and January Jones. (S)

1.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Ultimate Police Interceptors (S)(R) **4.00 House Doctor** (S)(R) **4.25 Make It Big** (S)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.15 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **6.10 Emmerdale** **9.20 Coronation Street** **12.10 The X Factor** **1.55 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** **2.55 Catchphrase** **3.40 FILM: Happy Feet** (2006) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood. **5.50 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** **6.50 FILM: Back to the Future Part II** (1989) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Michael J. Fox. **9.00 The Xtra Factor** **10.00 You've Been Framed!** **10.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now!** **11.35 Plebs** **12.35 Reality Bites** **1.20 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **2.05 Lawson: The Hot Desk** **2.15 Teleshopping** **5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.25 FILM: The Secret of My Success** (1987) (PG) Comedy, starring Michael J. Fox. **8.35 Heartbeat** **10.40 A Touch of Frost** **12.50 FILM: Columbo: Identity Crisis** (1975) (12) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGeehan. **2.50 Midsomer Murders** **6.55 Sunday Night at the Palladium**

7.55 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Colditz 11.00 FILM:

Closing the Ring (2007) (12) Drama, starring Shirley MacLaine. **1.15 FILM: 10 Little Indians** (1974) (PG) **2.55 ITV3 Nightscreen** **3.15 Emmerdale**

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Formula 1: The Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Highlights **8.00 Top Gear** **9.00 Russell Howard's Good News** **10.00 Family Guy** **12.20 Josh** **12.50 Rent a Cop** **1.20 Russell Howard's Good News** **1.50 World's Worst Place to Be a Woman? Stacey Dooley Investigates** **2.45 Sunny D** **3.00 Footballers, Sex, Money: What's Gone Wrong?** **4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Lost Land of the Tiger **8.00 Horizon: Why Can't We Predict Earthquakes?** **9.00 FILM: The Deep** (2012) (12) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Olafur Darri Olafsson. **10.30 The Lighthouse Stevenson** **11.30 Digging for Ireland** **12.30 Horizon: Why Can't We Predict Earthquakes?** **1.30 Icebound: The Greatest Dog Story Ever Told** **2.30 Lost Land of the Tiger** **3.30 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rules of Engagement **6.20 Baby Daddy** **7.00 How I Met Your Mother** **8.00 Melissa & Joey** **9.00 Made in Chelsea** **10.00 Hollyoaks** **12.30 FILM: Astro Boy** (2009) (PG) **2.20 Rudefish** Tube Shorts **2.25 Couples Come Dine with Me** **4.30 The Big Bang Theory** **8.00 FILM: The Simpsons Movie** (2007) (PG) Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta. **9.50 The Big Bang Theory** **10.40 The Inbetweeners** **11.50 The IT Crowd** **12.55 FILM: Underworld: Awakening** (2012) (18) **2.35 Rules of Engagement** **3.20 Hollyoaks**

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8.55 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.35 Location, Location, Location** **11.35 Come Dine with Me** **2.15 Jamie's Super Food** **2.50 Four in a Bed** **5.25 Come Dine with Me** **8.00 Car SOS** **9.00 The World's Wildest Weather** **10.00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners** **11.10 24 Hours in A&E** **12.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **1.15 The World's Wildest Weather** **2.15 Salvage SOS** **3.10 Jamie's Super Food** **3.45 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Porco Rosso (1992) (U) **1.00 Big Business** (1988) (PG) **3.00 Anastasia** (1997) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Meg Ryan. **4.50 The Three Stooges** (2012) (PG) Slapstick comedy, with Sean Hayes, Will Sasso and Chris Diamantopoulos. **6.40 Cutthroat Island** (1995) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. **9.00 Red** (2010) (12) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **11.15 Me and You** (2012) (15) Premiere. Bernardo Bertolucci's drama, with Jacopo Olmo Antinori. **1.05 The Station Agent** (2003) (15) **3.10 Close**

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6.00 Home Shopping **7.10 Storage Hunters UK** **8.00 Ice Road Truckers** **1.00 Storage Hunters UK** **4.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible** **5.00 The Indestructibles** **6.00 Red Bull X-Fighters** **7.00 Top Gear** **8.00 Qi XL** **9.00 Blackadder II** **9.40 Blackadder the Third** **10.20 Blackadder Goes Forth** **11.00 Room 101** **12.20 Qi** **1.00 Qi XL** **2.00 Ross Noble: Freewheeling** **2.50 24**

Hours to Go Broke **3.35 Lizard Lick Towing** **4.00 Home Shopping**

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6.00 Hour of Power **7.00 Monkey Life** **7.30 Futurama** **9.00 Supergirl** **10.00 The Flash** **11.00 WWE: Raw** **12.00 Bring the Noise** **1.00 Futurama** **2.30 Modern Family** **5.00 The Simpsons** **5.30 The Muppets** **6.00 Modern Family** **6.30 The Simpsons** **8.00 Arrow** **9.00 Micky Flanagan's Detour de France** **10.00 Stop, Search, Seize** **11.00 Brit Cops: War on Crime** **12.00 Road Wars** **12.30 Live NFL** **4.45 NFL: Dwight Freeney Interview** **5.00 Road Wars** **5.30 Nothing to Declare**

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6.00 Friday Night Lights **7.00 Seinfeld** **9.00 The Petrol Age** **10.00 The West Wing** **3.00 Without a Trace** **5.00 Blue Bloods** **9.00 The Affair** **10.10 The Last Panthers** **11.10 FILM: Tales of the Grim Sleeper** (2014) (15) Documentary about a suspected serial killer in Los Angeles. **1.15 The Leftovers** **2.25 Curb Your Enthusiasm** **4.10 Seinfeld**

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What's on | NEWS

Night of Beethoven and Elgar from the orchestra

BEETHOVEN'S Fourth Piano Concerto and Elgar's Second Symphony will echo around The Anvil tomorrow evening, as the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra performs.

Made up of 58 established musicians who regularly perform across southern England, the orchestra comprises 37 on strings, eight on woodwind, two on percussion and 11 on brass.

And with 15 more shows before the year is up, bassoonist Tammy Thorn believes the journeys all make the musical job worthwhile.

"I have loved being able to travel and see new places," she said.

"I have always known I wouldn't cope with a routine or normal job.

"As a musician, everyday is different."

Tammy has been with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra since July this year, following a successful two-year trial.

After enjoying making music with her older brothers and sisters at the age of five, Tammy decided to take her music career to the next level by learning to play the bassoon at the Trinity College

By James Richings

of Music, before studying at the Royal College of Music from 2008 to 2012.

Those four years transformed Tammy into one of the finest bassoon players in the country, which has helped the musician pick up a number of different accolades.

In 2008, she won the Essex Young Musician of the Year Award, the Essex Rotary Club's 'Young Musician Award', whilst being awarded a Foundation Scholarship by the Royal College of Music before representing the college at concerts throughout the UK and in Europe.

But it was a performance in Suffolk that Tammy revealed was one of her career highlights.

"Performing the Rite of Spring in the BBC proms with the Aldeburgh World Orchestra in 2012," she said.

"We'd spent the best part of a month living and rehearsing in Aldeburgh, with concerts in the UK, Amsterdam and Germany.

"The prom at the Royal Albert Hall



was the last thing that orchestra did together and although it was a pretty stressful concert for me, it has to be one of the best."

Tickets start from £10, with the performance starting at 7.45pm.

• Bassoonist Tammy Thorn

The Cherries

FOUR-PIECE covers band The Cherries will be performing at the Market Hotel in Alton tomorrow night, Friday, November 27.

The quartet, who are based in Camberley, will perform well-known hits from the likes of The Who, Pearl Jam, Green Day, Nirvana and more.

The gig is free to attend, and starts at 8.30pm.

Comedy club

THE Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon will be hosting their monthly comedy club night on Thursday, December 3.

The comedians at the Station Road venue next Thursday will be Carey Marx and Simon Fellder, with Dan Evans as the compere.

Tickets cost £9.50, with the gig starting at 8pm.

Syn City Rockers

COVERS band Syn City Rockers will be performing at the Badgers Wood pub in Tadley this Saturday, November 28.

Fronted by lead singer Paul Tompkins, who once played with Motorhead guitarist Eddie Clarke, the group arrive at the Wolverton Road venue to play some of the most popular AC/DC and Thin Lizzy tracks.

It is free and starts at 8.30pm.

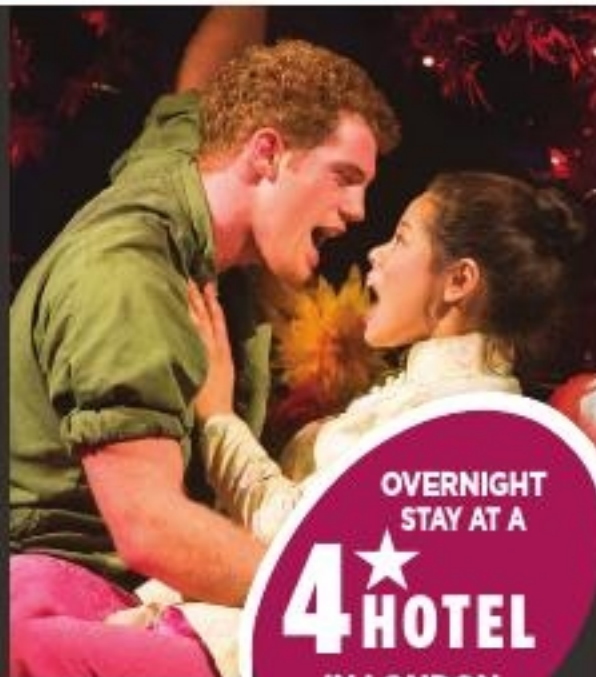
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Congakeyz in town

TRACKS from Prince, Michael Jackson and Kings of Leon among others will be heard at The Wheatsheaf pub in Alton this Saturday, November 28.

Four-piece covers band Congakeyz will be arriving at the Market Street pub from 9pm.

A Little Chaos

LAST year's period-drama film 'A Little Chaos' will be screened at The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon next Tuesday, December 1.

Starring Oscar-winning actress Kate Winslet and Belgian actor Matthias Schoenaerts, the movie focuses on André Le Nôtre who has been appointed by King Louis XIV of France on a project for the gardens of Versailles.

It starts at 2.30pm.

Re-arranged event

KATHERINE Ryan's belated appearance at The Haymarket will take place this Sunday, November 29.

The Canadian comedian, who was due to perform at the Wote Street venue on November 7, returns with her 'Kathbum' tour.

This show has now sold out, but extra tickets may be released. To join the waiting list, call 01256 844244.

Suitable for over 14s, the show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £18.

Getting festive at The Anvil

CHRISTMAS comes early to The Anvil as the action packed family fun show 'So This is Christmas!' arrives in Basingstoke on Wednesday, December 2.

Starring former Hollyoaks actress Gemma Merna and '90s pop star Kavana, the show arrives at the Churchill Way venue as part of a one-month tour across the UK to get the country into the Christmas spirit by performing some of the most popular Christmas songs of all time.

And that is something that Gemma, who played Carmel Valentine on the popular soap, is looking forward to.

"Everyone on the night can expect lots of fun, great songs and a feel-good festive show that they can join in with and sing-along to," the 31-year-old told the Observer.

"If I had to choose my favourite Christmas song, it would be 'Merry Christmas Everyone', which was the UK Christmas Number One in 1985 and was a monster hit for Shakin' Stevens.

"Everyone can join in and have fun with this show!"

After making her Hollyoaks debut back in 2006, Gemma became a regular face on TV by staying on the Chester-based soap for eight years, before leaving the award-winning

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programme last November.

A number of guest appearances on shows such as 'Splash!', 'Virtually Famous' and a celebrity version of 'The Chase' have been keeping the performer busy for the past 12 months, but it is on stage where Gemma has turned her attention.

And with the presence of Kavana on stage with Gemma, who achieved eight top 40 hits from 1996 to 1999, she believes the audience will appreciate what they will have to offer.

"There are so many types of Christmas songs in the show - there is something for everyone," Gemma said.

"And after so many years in Hollyoaks, this show is taking me back to my roots on stage and I just love it.

"The biggest challenge has probably been me getting the whole show in my brain.

"One of the best things about performing live is hearing applause and laughter - you can't beat it.

"When you've worked in TV for many years it's great to perform to real people rather than a camera lens."

The festive show starts at 7.45pm, and tickets start from £22.



• Gemma Merna and Kavana (picture by Eric Richmond)

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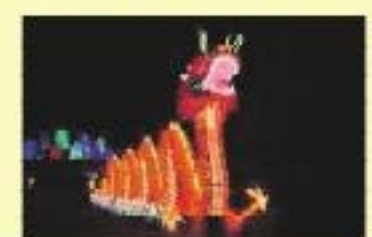
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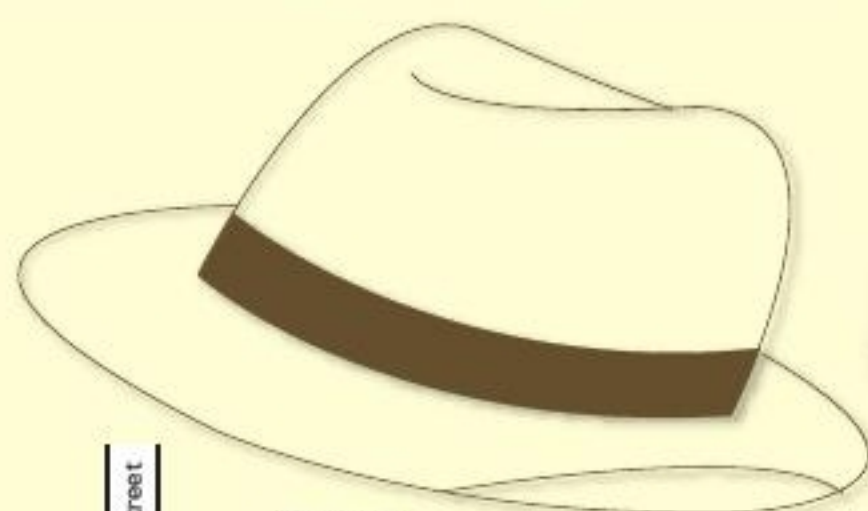
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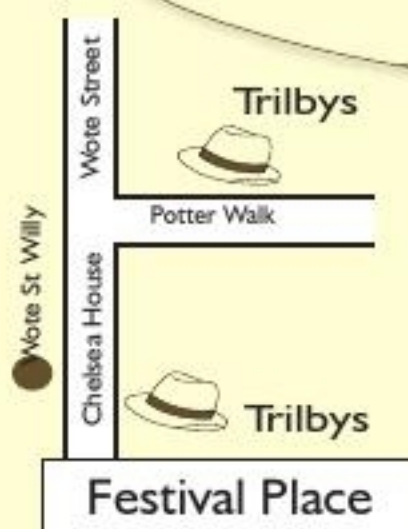
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Fri, Nov 27, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

An evening of Beethoven's fourth Piano Concerto and Elgar's second Symphony.

Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto begins unprecedentedly with a soft solo for piano, and the whole first movement builds up from its repeated four-note pattern. The short slow movement pits piano and orchestra in stark opposition, leading to an exhilarating finale. Elgar's Second Symphony was dedicated to King Edward VII, but like much of his music, behind the grandeur of its public face lies a more thoughtful and uncertain world. Elgar's complete mastery of this wide range of emotional expression, and ability to use his large orchestra, creates a powerful and moving work.

Fri, 27 Nov, 8pm
Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre, Bordon

NISH KUMAR: LONG WORD, LONG WORD...

This is Nish's first solo tour. You may have watched him support Milton Jones or David O'Doherty, or seen him on Comedy Central's The Alternative Comedy Experience curated by Stewart Lee. Live at the Comedy Store and Stand up Central. Or BBC 3's, Live at the Edinburgh Festival and Sweat the Small Stuff. Nish has also been on The Josh Widdicombe Show on XFM, BBC Radio 4 on The Now Show and more recently was the host of BBC Radio 4 Extra Newsjack.

Sat, Nov 29, 8pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke

KATHERINE RYAN

Sat, Nov 28, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury

RED BUTLER
Describing themselves as a mixture of rock, blues, funk and soul this four piece has rocketed onto the scene with only two years between their formation, and being voted "Best New UK Act" in 2014 by Blues Matters Magazine. Founder Alex "Red" Butler draws heavily on the raw delivery that emanates from the pre-war blues period, with strong gospel melodic vibes to the vocals, performed by singer Jane Pearce. The lyrics are often thoughtful, but delivered in an upbeat, foot tapping style that promises a grand night out with feeling.

Sat, Nov 28, 7.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon

SYNERGY: AIRE FLAMENCO
Synergy are a music group created by three musicians from different countries, who met and discovered that their musical talents, although different from each others, blended together perfectly creating a unique find that was readily appreciated by their audiences. They come to Bordon with their show, 'Aire Flamenco'.

Sat, Nov 28, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke

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An exciting cornucopia of some of the most popular and well-loved classics in the orchestral repertoire together with the first complete performance of a new symphony by the orchestra's conductor, Stephen Scottmer, that should delight any classical music lover.

Sat, Nov 28, 8.30pm
The Badgers Wood pub, Tadley

SYN CITY ROCKERS

On November 28, everyone can expect some classics from the likes of AC/DC and Thin Lizzy.

Sun, Nov 29, 3pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke

THE FOUR SEASONS BY CANDLELIGHT

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Wed, Dec 2, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke

SO THIS IS CHRISTMAS

Starring 90s pop star Kavana and Hollyoaks favourite Gemma Merna, and joined by a talented cast and fully live band, So This is Christmas features two hours of seasonal classics such as White Christmas, Let It Snow, The Christmas Song, Jingle Bell Rock, Last Christmas, Merry Christmas Everybody, All I Want for Christmas is You and Fairytale of New York.

Wed, Dec 2 - Sat, Dec 12
The Haymarket, Basingstoke

THE SNOW DRAGON

Billy is a spoilt young goat whose parents give him everything he wants. And what he doesn't get from them, he steals from his friends. On New Year's Eve, Billy is looking forward to the annual visit of the legendary Snow Dragon, who will bring him even more goodies during the night... This is story-telling with comedy and songs that create a magical, mysterious world for everyone aged three and above to enjoy.

Fri, Dec 4, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury

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Sat, Dec 5, 8pm
Central Studio, Basingstoke

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Sun, Dec 6, 2pm
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Join artist Clara Flintoff as a family and spend an enjoyable afternoon making your own Christmas Wreath from recycled materials. You'll be shown several different ways to make a non-traditional wreath - choose your favourite method and get stuck in!

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Fri, 11, Dec, 8pm,
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SO COMEDY LIVE

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Fri, Dec 11, 7.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon

LITTLE RED AND THE THREE WOLVES

Scarlett leaves her tiny village behind and heads for the bright lights of the big city, but something follows her, something big and hungry. Could there be wolves in the city? She sees them everywhere but no-one else seems to notice; perhaps because they wear three-piece suits and smoke cigars. Oh no, these are not the wolves you find in the forest, these are very, very different and very, very dangerous...

Sat, Dec 12, 8pm
Central Studio, Basingstoke

BOOK OF GENESIS BAND

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Sat, Dec 12, 9pm
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FUBAR

Fubar are a rock/pop covers band from Berkshire and play a wide range of songs from the 60's to modern day.

Saturday, December 12, 8pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury

GERARD AND THE WATCHMAN

Music to warm your heart on a winter's evening from one of the most widely praised acts on the UK's alternative folk scene. Expect stunningly beautiful and haunting songs from this four piece as they flit from guitar to banjo, double bass to drums and mandolin to percussion. Dave Gerard's glorious voice is the ideal vehicle for his poetic, beguiling lyrics.

Sun, Dec 13 4pm
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Sun, Dec 13, 3pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury

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This beloved holiday classic will enchant the whole family with its fairy-tale setting and Tchaikovsky's timeless score. The Bolshoi's version of The Nutcracker has a unique and beautiful sense of romance, danced by the heroic Denis Rodkin as the courageous prince and the magical Anna Nikulina as Marie.

Wed, Dec 16 - Sat, Dec 19
Corn Exchange, Newbury

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This quirky and inventive adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's bedtime tale is played out among sheets and blankets with puppets, objects and dreamlike projections.

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It comes in nine colours to choose from including three new colours; tourmaline orange, artense grey and platinum grey.

While the DS4's roof, rear spoiler, door mirrors and hub caps come in four options of perla nera black, whisper purple, virtual blue or tourmaline orange.

The DS4 is the first car in the Citroën DS series to have an Apple CarPlay encompassing a music system, to answer incoming phone calls and see messages through an Apple device.

The DS4 Crossback is also 30mm higher than its previous hatchback version, and has freshly designed wheel arch trims, grey roof bars and

By **James Richings**

black door mirrors, sills and carpet mats with the car.

"The brand's spirit is expressed through an offering made up of two body styles: a new premium hatchback and an unprecedented new offer: the DS4 Crossback, with its elegant go-anywhere style," DS Automobiles CEO, Yves Bonnefont said.

"With such complementary vehicles, the DS brand is clearly stating its ambition and its ability to meet the customer's expectations."

They both have more intimidating and fierce looks with a new grille design, and fresh LED vision headlamps.

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Bison strike down rivals to move up into top spot

BASINGSTOKE Bison had double reasons to be happy on Saturday as they saw off title rivals Milton Keynes Lightning 3-2 in a dramatic penalty shootout win.

Victory saw the Herd set a new record of 11 straight wins at home and move to the summit of the English Premier League (EPL) table at the same time.

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Bison went into the weekend's only encounter at the Basingstoke Arena just one point behind top-two Lightning and Peterborough Phantoms following a narrow loss at Hull Pirates

the week before.

And the Stampede looked off the pace for the opening 20 minutes, as netminder Tomas Hladovsky was called into action several times as the visitors dominated without finding the net.

Lightning didn't have to wait long following the buzzer however, as Jordan Cownie fired

home from close range at 21:37 to give Milton Keynes a deserved lead.

Basingstoke sprung into life after that and levelled four minutes later as Joe Greener beat netminder Dean Skinns with a fine finish, before the former Bison man then made a superb stop to deny Joe Rand moments later.

Top scorer Tomas Karpov then handed the home side their first lead of the match on 37:52 with a great piece of opportunistic play, as he stole the puck from defenceman Michael Farn and finished confidently between the pipes.

Leigh Jamieson then levelled things up once again 3:18 into the third period from just inside the blue line, and that's the way it stayed for the remainder of regulation time and an additional five minutes to send the game to penalties.

Two big saves from Hladovsky from Lightning's first two penalty shots gave Ciaran Long the chance to wrap things up quickly, and the big forward grabbed the opportunity with both hands to fire home and seal a massive win.

The jubilation of moving to the top of the league was tempered after the game however, as Bison director of hockey Doug

Sheppard revealed that popular forward Rand would be taking a step back from ice hockey due to work commitments.

"It's a huge blow to lose Joe in such a way, but we cannot stand between him and a fantastic opportunity for his future away from the sport," said Sheppard.

"Joe has been as professional as ever during the past few months, trying to make the situation work for the best of both parties."

He added: "I would like to thank Joe for all his efforts for the club and wish him all the best for the future."

Rand joined the Herd in 2012, playing a big role in the club's double winning season in 2013/14, and was quick to thank everyone associated with Bison in helping him "fulfil a lifelong dream of playing professional hockey".

He added: "Thank you to the fans, you truly are the best fans in the league and I am honoured that I got to play in front of you every Saturday for the past few seasons."

"Thank you for making my experience as a Bison one I will never forget."

Rand will remain part of the roster as injury cover, when Basingstoke welcome Hull Pirates to Planet Ice this Saturday.



• Basingstoke Bison top scorer Tomas Karpov found the net once again against Milton Keynes Lightning (picture by grantkingphotography.com)

Sport Bites

Familiar feeling

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC failed to register a single point on the board for the third game in a row following yet another defeat on Saturday at Down Grange.

'Stoke were hammered 37-0 by Hampshire rivals Andover after another poor showing against their fellow London South West Two strugglers.

Gareth Hatherley-Hurford's side now sit a massive 14 points behind their nearest rivals at the bottom of the league, as Basingstoke continue to struggle to come to terms with their second relegation on the bounce last year.

Basingstoke now have a much-needed week off, and won't be in action again until they travel to high-flying London Cornish on December 5 the following Saturday.

Another win

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies thrashed Newbury Ladies FC 5-0 on Sunday to leapfrog their West Berkshire rivals in the league.

Lauren Butler, Josette Pearmine, Katie Randell, Zoe Saunders and Charlie Fry all scored without reply as 'Stoke sent out a message to their title rivals at Donnington Recreation Ground.

Basingstoke now sit in second place, three points behind leaders Milton Keynes City in the Southern Region Women's Football League (SRWFL) Premier Division, having won four and drawn one of their opening five matches.

After missing several matches due to cup commitments, 'Stoke now have a flurry of league matches ahead, and will start that run off with a top table clash against Milton Keynes on Sunday.

Flying high

HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club firsts moved to the top of the Hampshire Surrey 1 table in emphatic fashion on Saturday after finding the net 11 times.

Two players fired hat-tricks as Basingstoke thrashed Hamble firsts 11-0 at Down Grange, with Ben Jubin and Mark Smith adding to Grant Rouse's treble in the first half.

And while Dean Record hit three of his own in the second half, Jed Mills grabbed himself a brace alongside a late Dave Stones strike as the hosts knocked their rivals for six after the break.

Basingstoke next play Bournemouth this Saturday.

Rose falters in season finale

JUSTIN Rose carded his worst round of the European Tour season on Saturday to emphatically put an end to his Race to Dubai aspirations.

The North Hampshire golfer finished the tour's final meet of the season joint 22nd at the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai to ensure that he slipped to fourth place in the final standings.

Rose's seven-under-par score of 72 saw him end up 14 strokes behind double winner Rory McIlroy at Jumeirah Golf Estates, having needed

at least a second-placed finish to stand a chance of reeling in the Northern Irishman.

The world number five started in an uncharacteristically inconsistent fashion on Thursday as he birdied four and bogeyed three of the first seven holes.

He added birdies at 11 and 15 and two bogeys on the final two holes to end the day at one-under.

But the 35-year-old looked more like himself the following day, and stormed through the back nine with six birdies at 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 18 to score 66

(-6) and make his way further up the leaderboard.

His challenge faltered disastrously on day three however as he plummeted down the standings following a six-over 78 round that included double bogeys at both the 12th and 17th holes.

Rose saved face on the final day with birdies at 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 14 and 15, but it wasn't enough to stop him from being leapfrogged by his South African rival Branden Grace in what was ultimately a poor way to end to Rose's 2015 Race to Dubai campaign.

Bristow resigns as boss

Jason Bristow's statement after stepping down as the Basingstoke Town manager on Monday night:

"It is with a heavy heart that I move away from the first team management position.

"It's a role that I have taken so much pride in and this season has obviously not gone the way we had hoped it to.

"This point and with the continued success and growth of the academy, I have found myself wanting to give more than I can to both roles.

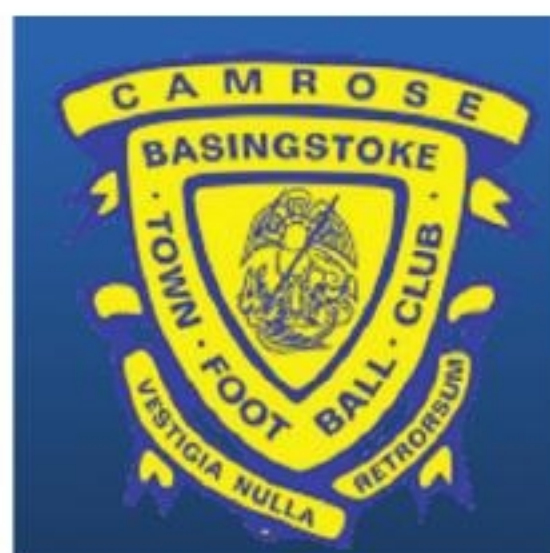
"I have been overwhelmed by the support from the club over the last couple of weeks when I have been deliberating over this decision, the conversations and

meetings we have had, I could not have asked for any more.

"Basingstoke Town Football Club has been a huge part of my life and for the last 16 years and I have had the privilege to play, coach and manage the club I love.

"This season I have found it very difficult to leave my emotions and feelings at work and I have a young family that have also given me incredible support that deserve more than I have given them of late.

"I fully believe the club can change this season's fortunes and I have every faith that the fantastic support I have received and the club get will be rewarded."



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BRISTOW STEPS DOWN AS BOSS

JASON Bristow stepped down as manager of Basingstoke Town on Monday following a disastrous start to the season.

Assistant coach Michael Gilkes will now take over as manager until the end of the season as the club looks to improve on their current position at the foot of the National League South.

Bristow will remain at the club as academy manager, having balanced the two roles successfully since taking the manager's hot seat in 2012.

And having also played and coached the Dragons since first joining the club 16 years ago, the former Town boss admitted in a statement that he would be leaving "with a heavy heart".

"Basingstoke Town Football Club has been a huge part of my life for the last 16 years and I have had the privilege to play, coach and manage the club I love," said Bristow.

"It is with a heavy heart that I move away from the first team management position.

"During a very difficult time on the pitch, the vast majority of supporters have shown patience and appreciation for the work we are trying to do and I will never ever forget that."

Bristow took the club to the

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play-off semi-finals on two separate occasions during his time as manager at The Camrose, with chairman Rafi Razzak labelling him as "undoubtedly one of our most successful managers".

He added: "I would like to place on record mine and the board of directors' thanks for what Jason has achieved in recent years for the club.

"He is a tremendous person.

"I am pleased that Michael Gilkes will take over as our manager for the remainder of this season, and I am sure everyone will give him their full support."

The manager switch came after the Dragons suffered a familiar feeling of woe on Saturday as they were beaten 1-0 at home by Maidstone United to seal their 11th league loss of the campaign.

A Nathan Smart own goal three minutes into the second half decided a match that Town dominated, with the visitors failing to force a single save from keeper Aaron Howe.

Midfielder Simon Dunn created the first chance of the

game in the seventh minute, but saw his shot from a tight angle blocked by visiting stopper Lee Worgan's legs.

Strike partners Liam Enver-Marum and Chris Flood then fired almost identical chances inches wide of the post from the left, before Joe Healy then forced Worgan into a sprawling save after nearly heading into his own net on the stroke of half-time.

After missing so many chances, the inevitable happened three minutes after the break, as Calum Driver's dangerous cross from the right forced fellow full back Smart to fire into his own net from close range.

Substitute Lloyd Macklin then forced another fingertip save from Worgan with a 78th minute drive, before Enver-Marum missed his side's best opportunity of the match three minutes from time after seeing his dinked effort expertly blocked by the Stones stopper after being played clean through.

That defeat means that Basingstoke are now nine points behind 19th placed Havant and Waterlooville, who the Dragons play this Saturday in the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy.

See inside sport for Bristow's full statement.



• Jason Bristow has stepped down from his position as Basingstoke Town manager

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